



## Lawson is set to order 1% base rate rise

### Fear for mortgages as trade gap hits £1.2bn

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson was under pressure last night to take drastic action to cool the economy after figures showed Britain's balance of payments alarmingly in deficit.

City analysts believe that a big rise in base rates and mortgage rates is inevitable unless a sharp rise in inflation is to be added to the widening deficit on the current account.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, who earlier this month had denied that there was a crisis on the balance of payments, is expected to order an immediate base rate increase, possibly taking rates up to 10 per cent from the present 9 per cent level.

That would push mortgage rates up from the present 9.75 per cent level to about 11 per cent. With the economy stoked up by the Budget tax cuts which are just coming through into pay packets, analysts doubted whether that would be enough to slow the economy sufficiently.

Imports rose to a record £8.19 billion last month, while exports dropped by £300 million to £6.48 billion. After allowing for an estimated £500 million surplus on

tent with 10 per cent base rates. Share prices were affected by the gloom over the trade figures, and the expectation of an early base rate rise. The FTSE 100 index closed 29.8 points down at 1,841.5. Gilts also fell.

"The new record trade deficit means that we now face a balance of payments crisis," Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's front bench spokesman on trade and industry, said.

"Exports have now stagnated for nearly a year as the direct result of the high interest rates which have pushed the pound to unrealistic levels and priced British goods out of world markets."

The Treasury said that the current account was in deficit because of strong growth in the economy and the drawing of capital goods and industrial materials.

However, the decision to uncap the pound in March appears to have taken its toll on Britain's trade, with imports rising strongly and exports stagnant or declining.

"The bottom line of Mrs Thatcher's desire to get the exchange rate higher is a worse performance on both inflation and trade," Mr Daniel Jeffries, chief economist at Cazenove & Co, the stockbrokers, said.

Analysts are also questioning the Chancellor's wisdom in proceeding with large-scale tax cuts in his March Budget, at a time when incomes were already growing strongly.

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services and other invisible items of trade, the current account was in deficit by a record £1.2 billion, up from £728 million in April.

"These figures were horrendous, I cannot think of a good excuse for this number," Mr Bill Martin, chief UK economist at the stockbroker Phillips & Drew, said last night.

"There has to be urgent action by the Chancellor, however unpalatable." In the first five months of the year the deficit was £4.71 billion, well above the Treasury's Budget forecast of the deficit for the whole of this year. Mr Lawson admitted on June 16 that the Budget prediction was likely to be exceeded. The City now expects a deficit of £10 billion or more this year.

The pound and share prices fell sharply after the figures were released yesterday. The pound fell by 2.45 cents to \$1.7020, and dropped by nearly four pence to DM3.0934. The sterling index fell by a full point to 74.8.

Treasury officials said that sterling would not be allowed to depreciate, implying an early base rate move to prevent it from falling further. In the money markets, interest rates closed at a level consistent

## Pilot returns to scene of death crash



Reliving the tragedy: Captain Michel Hasselme, right, the pilot of the ill-fated A 320 and his co-pilot, Captain Pierre Mazieres, with his head bandaged, discuss details during an investigation when they returned yesterday to the crash scene.

## Royal party 'caused avalanche'

By Tony Dawe

The Prince of Wales and his skiing party caused the avalanche that killed Major Hugh Lindsay, his close friend, and seriously injured another in March, the Swiss authorities said yesterday.

A statement released after a three-month investigation into the avalanche, which the Prince escaped by only a few feet, added however that no individual could be held responsible because the party had assumed a collective risk in deciding to ski off-piste.

The inquiry was ordered by the Grisons canton prosecutor, but his office said yesterday that no charges would be brought and that the Prince of Wales could not be faulted.

The findings produced a mixture of relief and disappointment in royal circles. "The result of the inquiry is what I expected," said Major Lindsay's mother, the Hon Mrs Audrey Lindsay. Prince Charles had no comment to make on the report. Buckingham Palace said: "The Prince of Wales has seen the report. He gave his own full account of what happened to the press at the time of the accident and has nothing further to add now that the inquiry has been concluded."

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## Airbus '70ft too low' before hitting trees

By Harvey Elliott, Ruth Gledhill and Philip Jacobson

The pilot and not the plane was last night at the centre of investigations into the Airbus A 320 crash in France in which three people died.

Investigators are convinced that there was nothing wrong with the jet, which flew at 30 feet towards trees growing to a height of 40 feet at the end of the runways at Habsheim airfield.

The local examining magistrate said that if it was proved that the pilot, Captain Michel Hasselme, of Air France, was proved to be at fault he could be charged with manslaughter.

Mr Jean Voltz, the Mulhouse public prosecutor, said early results from the inquiry showed that the plane had been flying 70 feet too low during a display at an air show.

"It is still a possibility that there was a technical fault with the plane. But the early indications are that he was flying too low. It is very probable that this is what went wrong," he said.

As both British Airways and Air Inter, the domestic French airline, announced that they were to put their grounded A 320s back into service today investigators began questioning Captain Hasselme, who was taking 130 people, on a

pleasure flight to include a small provincial air show near the Swiss border.

The investigators have already studied the "black box" flight recorders, which show that the aircraft had descended to 50 feet as it crossed the outer edge of the 2,500-foot-long runway. At a speed of 119 knots (137 miles an hour), it had flown almost at its stalling speed until it dropped to 30 feet halfway along the runway.

About one and a half seconds before its undercarriage

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clipped the first line of trees, rising 32 feet above the end of the runway, the pilot put on maximum power. But the engines need eight seconds to "wind up" and the top branches of the trees were dragging the aircraft down.

Immediately after the crash, Captain Hasselme, Air France's chief instructor on A 320 jets, said that he had tried to boost the power of the engines but got no response. His remarks sent shock waves through the aviation world because they indicated that something must have gone wrong with the "fly by wire" computers which con-

trol the aircraft, or with its equally sophisticated engine power control system.

However, the French Minister of Transport, M Louis Mermaz, said that examination of the A 320's two flight recorders had established beyond doubt that all systems had functioned correctly. M Mermaz said no fault had been traced to the plane or its control equipment.

He emphasized that the findings were preliminary, but cockpit recordings and analysis of every control decision taken during the plane's short flight, had established that there was no reason to blame the crash on a technical defect.

M Mermaz refused, however, officially to attribute the cause of the crash to human error. The computers are programmed to prevent pilots from making mistakes and allowing the aircraft to get into a stall. When the aircraft is flying at a height of more than 100 feet the throttles automatically open fully if stalling speed is approached.

Below 100 feet, however, the computers think that the pilot wants to land the aircraft. With the landing gear and flaps down, other safety measures, are automatically shut off to enable a landing to take

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## Europe bank study agreed

From Richard Owen, Hanover

Mrs Thatcher yesterday reversed her stand of last week and agreed to an EEC special commission to study West Germany's proposal for a European Central Bank.

But the Prime Minister did so only after Bonn, which is in the EEC chair, toned down its proposals and she had been assured that the study would contain no prior commitments to a European Bank and would regard the bank as a long-term possibility to come after more pressing issues of the 1992 campaign for a single market in Europe had been tackled.

Mrs Thatcher, who in the Commons last Thursday said "Spirit of unity"...

she saw no point in studying the central bank idea since a united European government "was not on the cards", made it clear to the EEC summit in Hanover, which ends today, that she remained highly sceptical about the need for EEC monetary union.

She received support from several leaders, including Mr Poul Schluter, the Danish Prime Minister, who said a European Central Bank was at best "a distant possibility". Mrs Thatcher also resisted pressure from France and Germany for sterling to enter the European Monetary System.

President Mitterrand of France, with strong support from Greece, which takes over the EEC chair on Friday, made an urgent plea at the summit for the internal market programme to be given a "social dimension" by involving workers more closely in the 1992 process.

But Mrs Thatcher said she saw no need for further labour regulation.

Mrs Thatcher identified six areas as "clear signposts" for the way forward to the completion of the internal market in 1992: the liberalization of financial services, above all banking and life insurance; the mutual recognition of industrial testing standards and certificates; the opening up of public procurement contracts; the liberalization of transport in the EEC; the opening up to free competition of telecommunications monopolies; and the harmonization of food regulations such as flavouring and labelling.

But Mrs Thatcher deliberately excluded from her six-point plan the controversial EEC proposal for the harmonization of indirect taxation, a proposal which, if put into practice, would end the zero rating for VAT purposes of basic goods in Britain.

## 10 dead in train crash in Paris

By Our Foreign Staff

Paris — A rush-hour train ploughed into a stationary suburban train at the Gare de Lyon yesterday and rescue workers said 10 people had been killed and many others injured.

One train, arriving at speed, ran into the second as it was about to depart, leaving the two trains conjoined at the entrance to the station, on the right bank of the River Seine, at the end of the evening rush hour.

"There are some dead, there were bodies lying all over the place. I had to go. I could not bear to look," an eyewitness said.

Some passengers were still trapped in the wreckage 50 minutes after the accident, and firemen were trying to release them.

As many as five people were seriously injured in the accident.

## Scargill savages Kinnock 'realism'

Labour's civil war between the hard left and the party leadership intensified yesterday when Mr Arthur Scargill called Mr Neil Kinnock's "new realism" a malignancy, and Mr Roy Hattersley told the miners' leader that he could cost Labour the Kensington by-election.

With Mr Kinnock due to make a key address to the conference of the National Union of Mineworkers tomorrow, the leadership's hostility towards the union's president again split over as Mr Hattersley said that he "despised" those who were prepared to sacrifice Labour's chances to foster their egos.

Mr Scargill was blamed by many Labour politicians for losing the crucial Brecon and Radnor by-election in July 1985.

Speaking to the conference in Great Yarmouth yesterday, Mr Scargill said the "new realism" was a "malignancy" which will bring both electoral

defeat and split the movement from top to bottom." Mr Hattersley retorted angrily in a BBC interview that Mr Scargill and others like him seemed "once more to have forgotten that we are moving towards a by-election in three weeks' time."

Mr Hattersley said: "If he goes on like this, the prospects

## British mother and sons die in desert

By Andrew Morgan

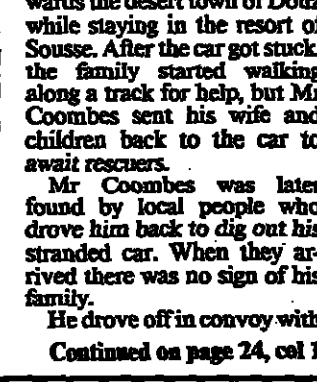
A British mother and her two young children died in the heat of the Tunisian desert after their hire car got stuck during a trip on a family package holiday.

Mr Alan Coombes, aged 36, was twice rescued after he set out to find water for his wife and children but Mrs Jennifer Coombes, aged 39, and her sons, Gregory, 10, and Andrew, seven, were later found dead.

Police in Tunis carried out an inquiry and have reportedly accused the family of ignoring warnings about desert safety. It appears they travelled through the Matmata region in a Peugeot 205 saloon instead of a recommended four-wheel-drive vehicle, and took only a small amount of water.

The tragedy occurred after the family, from Longstanton, Cambridgeshire, drove towards the desert town of Douz while staying in the resort of Sousse. After the car got stuck, the family started walking along a track for help, but Mr Coombes sent his wife and children back to the car to await rescuers.

Mr Coombes was later found by local people who drove him back to dig out his stranded car. When they arrived there was no sign of his family. He drove off in convoy with



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## Moscow lays on a welcome for party delegates

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The provincials are in town. About 5,000 delegates to the National Communist Party conference, which opens in Moscow today, have converged on the Soviet capital from all corners of the country.

The posters and placards are out to greet them. "Welcome to the delegates of the 19th party conference," reads a red banner strung across the northern end of Gorky Street. Other slogans may seem more contentious to the Western eye. "More socialism means more democracy" proclaims one.

But the delegates do not look like revolutionaries. They resemble tourists of a very serious and responsible stripe. They are herded from bus to

pavement to hotel and offered excursions to factories and farms. But their first duty is to register in the ornate St George's Hall in the Kremlin. Small crocodiles troop across Red Square, which has been cordoned off and cleared of the usual crowds.

Many of the delegates are staying in the gigantic Rossiya Hotel on the edge of Red Square. Its last great assignment was to accommodate the journalists covering the Reagan-Gorbachev summit.

The new guests will be a very different clientele. Stern young guards stand at every entrance keeping out anyone without a party card.

The hotel's foreign currency shop has been closed for the week. Instead, there are special stalls for the delegates: brands of Soviet boxed choc-

olates and cigarettes rarely seen in ordinary shops, and imported tights. One group, of 44, had just flown in from Novosibirsk in Siberia. They had come on the regular Novosibirsk flight, no special aircraft for them. And, no, they had not got any special conference identity card: their party card, one said proudly, was sufficient.

Another group had flown in from Bryansk. Their frightened reticence was more effective in preventing conversation than any attempt the police might have made to stop my approaches.

Three gruff-looking army officers were deep in conversation. What hopes did they have? "The very best," said one. Do you think the conference will put the years of Stalin and Brezhnev behind you? "Who says we

need to?" said another, slowly and very deliberately.

Moscow is now, more than ever, like several separate cities. The conference and its delegates constitute one, cut off from the most part from city life. The unofficial lobby groups represent another.

On Sunday Dr Andrei Sakharov addressed more than 300 people at a peaceful out-of-town rally to lobby for a memorial to the victims of Stalin.

Within hours a more vociferous demonstration by groups demanding press freedom, an end to the internal passport system and the abolition of the secret police was efficiently broken up by police.

On the other side of the street was ordinary Moscow — people sitting eating ice-cream in the sunshine.

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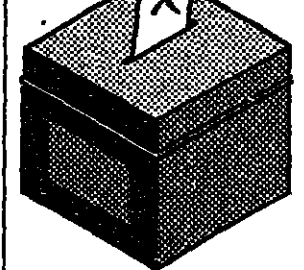
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## NEWS ROUNDUP

## Shipyard pay deal ends demarcation

Swan Hunter, the Tyneside warship builders, yesterday announced a revolutionary pay and conditions deal that will end the demarcation rules that once plagued the industry, and make the company more competitive.

Three thousand workers at the yard at Wallsend voted to accept the agreement, described by senior management as the best industrial relations deal within the industry.

Mr Roger Vaughan, deputy chief executive, said that in future small groups of workers with a wide variety of skills would be allocated specific jobs and headed by 150 team leaders. This would lead to more flexibility and cost savings.

"From today we will be able to match our advanced construction methods with the equally advanced working practices of our employees. It ends any sort of bureaucratic restrictions on the allocation of people to jobs", he said.

In return, the workforce has been given a no-redundancy guarantee for this year and a 6 per cent pay increase. Workers will receive a further 5 per cent next year.

## Divorce assets plea

Judges and lawyers need statutory guidelines to help them to divide a divorcing couple's assets more fairly, according to Mr David Green, of the Law Society's family law committee. He says the process for resolving matrimonial and maintenance rights is anomalous and distressing. Anyone determining a divorcing couple's liabilities — lawyers, registrars, magistrates and clerks — uses his or her own guidelines. That can lead to a husband and wife getting different and contradictory answers.

## MP faces race charge

A senior Conservative MP is to be the subject of a highly unusual complaint to the Commission for Racial Equality by a Labour MP representing a neighbouring constituency. Sir John Farr, MP for Harborough, is being reported for what Mr Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, describes as his "utterly disgraceful" reply to a constituent who had sought his help in bringing his Indian bride to this country. Sir John suggested that he could be most speedily reunited with his wife by going to join her in India.

## Kasparov seizes lead

Gary Kasparov, the World Chess Champion, seized the lead in round 10 of the Belfort World Chess Cup, sponsored by Grundig, by defeating Ulf Andersson, the Swedish grandmaster. Since Jan Ehlvest, the previous front runner, succumbed against Anatoly Karpov, Kasparov has moved into the sole lead with 7½ points from a possible 10. Other leading scores: Ehlvest (USSR) 7; Karpov (USSR) 6, plus adj game; Andrei Sokolov (USSR), Boris Spassky (France) 6; Robert Hubner (W Germany) 5½, plus adj game; Zoltan Ribli (Hungary) 5½; Nigel Short (England) 5.

## Back to the plough

Nearly 2,500 farmers have applied for payments under the government scheme to foster traditional farming methods in designated environmentally sensitive areas. Their land comprises more than 250,000 acres, some 85 per cent of all the designated areas in the Brecks and Breckland, in Norfolk; the Pennine Dales and the North Peak; the Somerset Levels; West Penwith, in Cornwall; the South Downs; the Shropshire Borders, the Suffolk river valleys; and the Test Valley, in Hampshire.

## NUM leader praises 'courage' of jailed miners

## Scargill tribute to men who killed

By Roland Rood

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, yesterday defended the two Welsh miners who killed a taxi driver during the year long miners' strike of 1984-85.

Mr Scargill angered the South Wales delegation and infuriated some delegates by paying tribute to the "spirit and courage" of the two young mineworkers in prison, when he yesterday addressed the NUM conference in Great Yarmouth.

In November 1984, Russell Shankland and Dean Hancock, two striking miners, dropped a lump of concrete from a bridge on a taxi taking a miner to work, killing Mr David Wilkie, the driver.

The two men were convicted of murder in May 1985 and sentenced to life imprisonment. On appeal the sentence was changed to manslaughter and eight years' imprisonment.

Mr Scargill, who disclosed that he had visited the two men in prison, said: "These men are entitled to a degree of sympathy from everybody about the plight they find themselves in".

However, an angry delegate called the speech "outrageous", while the South Wales delegation emphasized their fear that the speech would cost the men their remission.



Mr Arthur Scargill speaking yesterday at the National Union of Mineworkers' conference.

When Mr Scargill was asked why he had made a public tribute to the two men, he snapped back: "Why don't you ask about those men who shot and murdered three people in Gibraltar?"

Mr Scargill also told the conference that he wanted the union to adopt a strategy for the 220 miners dismissed or jailed for offences during the strike "which not only intensifies the fight for their

reinstatement but looked at ways and means of involving them in union activity".

In an uncompromising speech which was received with little enthusiasm by the majority of delegates, Mr

Scargill said that, with the threat of privatization of electricity and coal, compromise was not an option.

He criticized union leaders who supported discussing the introduction of flexible working in spite of the NUM's agreed policy of opposition to flexible working and the introduction of a six-day week.

He also attacked the "new realists" in his union who are calling for a joint conciliation scheme, which covers the wages and conditions of the industry, with the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers. He called on the conference to reaffirm its decision never to sit down with or recognize the UDM.

"It is imperative that this conference reiterates our firm commitment to winning all mineworkers back into the NUM", he said.

Mr Scargill laid out a programme of demands which include a four-day working week, a permanent ban on all systematic overtime, optional retirement for miners at the age of 50 on full wages, and a basic salary of £20,000 per year for all coalface workers.

Later, Mr Jeff Tree, aged 45, manager of City Centre Cabs of Cardiff, the firm for which Mr Wilkie was working when he was killed, said: "Arthur Scargill is a raving lunatic. This will upset everyone who knew David, especially the families of miners".

## Kensington by-election

## SDP wants carnival curbs

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The SDP candidate in the Kensington by-election yesterday demanded that the Notting Hill carnival face tough controls to prevent widespread street crime and violence.

Mr John Martin said that "hoodlums and drug peddlars" were involved in the three-day event in the streets of the constituency and that local people were saying this year's would cause mayhem.

Mr Martin said the carnival committee responsible for organizing the August Bank holiday weekend event was unstructured. He said: "The police know very well that they cannot guarantee public safety on the ground. We

could have the most terrible catastrophe in the area."

Mr Martin added that he was not saying that the carnival organizers were hoodlums or drug dealers but added: "If you look at how the carnival committee is organized and how they elect members, it is certainly unstructured".

The SDP want carnival organizers to accept a number of conditions including the streets being cleared by 6pm, curbs on the unlicensed sale of alcohol, and restrictions on the volume and length of time sound systems can be played.

The by-election on July 14 was caused by the death of Conservative MP Sir Brandon

Rhys Williams and last night the Conservatives were favourites at 1 to 4 to hold the seat with Labour at 5 to 2, the SDP 25 to 1, SDP 66 to 1 with Mrs Cynthia Payne of the Rainbow Alliance, the rank outsider at 1,000 to 1.

General election 1987: Sir Brandon Rhys Williams 13,818; Ben Bousquet (Labour) 10,371; William Gooch (SDP) 5,379; R F Shorter (Green) 529; L Carrick (Humanist) 65; St Hughes (Indep) 50. Majority 4,647. Electorate 48,212.

## Burmese aid

Rangoon (Reuters) — Burma has signed an agreement with the United Nations Development Programme, under which it will get aid worth \$1.7 million (£960,000) for a project to upgrade its telecommunications system.

## NUR leader criticizes 'champagne' policies

By Tim Jones

The National Union of Railwaymen said yesterday that British Rail, gripped by "Thatcherite policies", was concentrating its investment on "champagne and smoked salmon" clients to the detriment of ordinary passengers.

The allegation was made by Mr Alan Foster, NUR union president, who said privatization would mean closing much of the rail network.

Mr Foster, addressing the union's conference said: "Privatization is spreading like cancer. Any party prepared to turn the clock back 600 years to introduce a poll tax won't worry about denationalizing railways."

He said there was a social

and collective argument for a railway system where all paid towards the cost and everyone benefited. "Closing large parts of our railways and giving free rein to private transport means the community at large will still pick up the bill but only a minority will benefit."

Increasingly, he said, BR was looking at Leisure Pullmans for clients entertaining with champagne and smoked salmon and there would be many similar projects.

Mr Foster forecast resignations from London Regional Transport over the King's Cross disaster. "But who will stand up in the Government and admit their part in the tragedy?"

## Amnesty calls for inquiry on Ulster

By Nicholas Beeson

The operations of the security forces and the legal system in Northern Ireland need a radical overhaul, Amnesty International says in a report published today.

It says action is needed because of the Government's inability to clear up the controversy over an alleged shoot-to-kill policy in Ulster and the failure of the courts to administer justice fairly.

In a detailed and critical examination called *Northern Ireland: Killings by Security Forces and "Supergrass" Trials*, the human rights organization claims that investigations into the deaths of six men by the security forces in 1982 "failed to eliminate the possibility that the UK Government allowed deliberate planned killings of members of armed opposition groups to take place".

"United Kingdom law governing the use of force is inadequate in enforcing exacting standards for the behaviour of security forces to prevent the excessive use of lethal force".

Amnesty says the Government should establish a judicial inquiry to review all controversial killings since 1982; review legal guidelines on the use of force; publish the findings of the Stalker-Sampson inquiry and reopen the investigation into the alleged shoot-to-kill policy.

The organization also criticizes the "supergrass" trials in the Diplock courts and says that 65 of 120 defendants were convicted solely on the basis of uncorroborated testimony. Although 64 were acquitted on appeal, some spent five years in detention.

The Northern Ireland Office said yesterday it would react to the accusations after it had studied the report.

News of Amnesty's call for a judicial inquiry provoked an immediate dispute at Westminster. Sir John Bigger Davison, chairman of the Conservative backbench North ern Ireland committee, said Amnesty was "prejudging the inquiries being made into the conduct of RUC officers".

Mr Martin Flannery, chairman of Labour's Northern Ireland committee, said: "Amnesty is fulfilling the wishes of all liberal-minded people who want to know the facts".

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By Sheila St  
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Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary, yesterday announced a two-week amnesty before stricter laws before possession come into force in September.

The amnesty begins immediately and thousands of weapons will be handed in stations by July 11.

Under the Criminal Bill, which is due to be passed this summer, more than 100,000 folding pocket knives found in possession without a licence will be liable for carrying such an offence.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State at the Home Office, said yesterday that the amnesty will enable people to rid themselves of their lethal weapons without fear of prosecution when they know it is not or has a weapon they no longer want to take it to a police station.

"We seem to have the intolerable position of carrying knives almost as a matter of routine. The Government's new law will help the police enforce by making it a public offence to carry a knife without good reason."

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# Widow wins £1m record damages for husband's death

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The widow of an "outstanding" businessman killed in a road accident 10 years ago won a record sum of £1,017,920 in damages with costs in the High Court yesterday.

The award, to Mrs Frederika Miles, aged 49, and her two teenage daughters, is almost three times the highest amount previously awarded to a widow in Britain.

The damages were awarded against the owners of an articulated lorry which collided with her husband Gordon's Jaguar in March 1978 at the junction of the A34 and A44 near Chipping Norton, Oxford. Mr Miles died from multiple injuries.

In making the award, Sir Douglas Frank QC, the deputy judge, said Mr Miles, who had been married to his Dutch-born wife for 10 years, was a man with "outstanding business acumen".

Mr Miles, a New Zealander aged 38 when he died, had built up a flourishing business selling car accessories, mainly on the Continent.

He had intended setting up two other businesses, the judge said.

His wife had given up her medical practice in Holland to move back to England with

him where she helped him in the business. They had two daughters, Amanda now aged 14 and Adrienne, 13.

But after the tragedy left her and the children alone, the business declined despite her efforts to keep it going and it was put into voluntary liquidation in 1985.

The judge ordered that the children, who live with their mother at Andell House, Tubney, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, should share £258,927 of the award.

The damages and the costs were awarded against Midlands British Road Services Ltd, the lorry owners, which accepted 90 per cent liability. The judge reduced the award after it was agreed that Mr Miles was 10 per cent to blame for the accident.

The total award included damages for loss of Mr Miles' earnings and company cars. A figure of £247,802 was assessed for loss of capital value of his business.

Yesterday's damages were second only to the highest ever award for personal injury or death of £1,032,000 made in July last year to a student, Samir Aboul-Hosn, whose life was wrecked by a medical error.

The previous highest award

to a widow was in April 1983 when Mrs Margaret Dobbins, a mother of two, was awarded £372,862 in 1983 for the death of her husband Patrick, an engineer, in a helicopter crash.

The judge granted the defendants a 28-day stay on payment of damages above £400,000 while an appeal is considered.

The case, which has taken ten years to bring to trial, is likely to add to mounting pressure for a reform of the way the courts handle personal injuries cases and of the law.

Lord Scarman, the retired law lord, last week urged implementation of the recommendations of the Pearson Royal Commission, so that victims of certain kinds of accidents including accidents "in the course of medical treatment", rail transport, vaccine damage, volunteer damage, and so on, should be compensated without having to prove negligence.

But yesterday a solicitor specializing in such cases, Mr David McIntosh of Davies Arnold and Cooper, warned that a "no fault" regime would lead to a financial cap or limit being placed on damages which plaintiffs and others might not welcome.

## Parents jailed for starving baby

### Judge seeks abuse inquiry

By Michael Horswell

A judge said yesterday that a public inquiry should be considered by the caring agencies into the "horrifying" circumstances surrounding the death by starvation of Dean Scott, aged 10 months.

Mr Justice Owen made the suggestion while sentencing the child's father to 10 years in prison for manslaughter and his mother to seven years.

Frederick Scott, aged 38, a former special constable, and Susan Poole, aged 21, both admitted manslaughter at the Central Criminal Court on Friday after being cleared of murder.

After the verdict, Mr Robert Bulmer, the child's uncle, said: "I am disappointed. They should have got more because the baby got life. I do not feel justice has been done."

Supt Rodney Bellis, in charge of the case, said: "After 26 years in the police service I find it difficult to comprehend how the parents got into this situation. I find it disgraceful. It was a very unpleasant inquiry."

The court had been told that Dean was probably starved of food and water for a week until his death last August at the family's filthy flat in south London. He weighed 9lb, only

3lb more than his birth weight.

The two defendants were also sentenced to 12 months each, to run concurrently, for wilfully neglecting Dean's brother, Michael, aged two. He is in care.

The two parents, the court had been told, spent much of their time in a public house leaving the two children alone. The only food that was found in the flat was for their pet dog.

The judge said: "This is a horrifying case, although, despite you, Frederick Scott, spending some £60 a week on beer and cigarettes there was ample money for feeding Dean, and although you, Susan Poole, were regularly seeing your doctor about your own complaints your 10-month-old son starved to death."

He added that the agony of the child was almost too much to contemplate.

To appreciate the enormity of what happened to him it was necessary to recall the words of the ambulance driver who collected him from the flat. The driver had told the court that he had never seen such a sight in the whole of his service.

Dean had died from mal-

nutrition, his eyes were sunken and his skin had the minimum elasticity. His stomach was empty except for a piece of nappy.

Mr Justice Owen referred to the "noble and dedicated professionals" who care for abused children but added: "I think that all those who had dealings with Dean Scott will, if they have not already done so, examine their consciences to see if they should not have done more and see if they should do more in the future. It may be there should be some inquiry."

He said Miss Poole seems to have been a satisfactory mother to her children up to the few weeks before Dean died.

She was suffering from a depressive illness but that did not absolve her from all responsibility.

Although Frederick Scott was on the point of leaving her, he should have realized that the flat was no place in which to bring up children and that the woman with whom he was living was neglecting the children.

He told Scott that his explanation of taking to drink to block everything from his mind was contemptible.

## Baker move over Ilea

### School chiefs face vetting

By David Tytler, Education Editor

The Government is taking steps to vet the senior management of London's schools during the handover from the Inner London Education Authority to the boroughs.

Under proposals announced yesterday the Government will have the right to approve the appointment of chief education officers and other senior officials for the first five years.

The boroughs become responsible for London's education in April 1990 but before they can appoint senior staff a list of candidates with their experience and qualifications will have to be made available to the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

If he disapproves, he can direct that the name be removed from the shortlist.

Mr Kenneth Baker has already ordered boroughs to send their education plans to

him for approval. The proposal, one of 182 new amendments put down to the Education Reform Bill, due to complete the report stage in the House of Lords today, was attacked by the boroughs and Ilea.

Mr Neil Fletcher, the Ilea leader, said: "Kenneth Baker is making it up as he goes along."

"Many of the proposals are unworkable. It will impede the transfer of responsibility and stands in marked contrast to the efforts Ilea and the boroughs are making to ensure this goes smoothly."

Mrs Margaret Hodge, of the Association of London Authorities, said: "Education in London will be run by Baker's handpicked henchmen if this measure goes through."

Mrs Katie Ivens, chairman of the rightist London Good Schools Campaign, said:

"There are lots of Ilea people one would not wish to see re-employed in the boroughs. If the Government is seeking to keep them out then they are probably acting in the best interests of London children."

A call for a uniform scheme to register students' progress to meet the changing needs of employment was made yesterday.

It came from Mr Oscar DeVille, chairman of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, while he was launching the National Record of Vocational Achievement.

The scheme, which has started in some colleges and industrial training schemes, will enable students to set out their targets, and to register the qualifications they receive from a variety of training boards and colleges.

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## Variety 'baby' arrives in UK

By Andrew Billen

Mrs Joan Mrlik, living proof of a story of showbiz schmaltz they said was too good to be true, arrived in London yesterday.

The American nurse, aged 59, was invited by the British Variety Club to meet Prince Michael of Kent, another long-standing friend of the charity.

She is here to promote the club's Bikkieathon in Battersea Park on Sunday, July 17, when volunteers will raise funds by cycling round the park.

The club believes that if Mrs Mrlik's story does not reflect the scope of its work - from raising money for children's holidays and nurseries to hospitals and Sunshine Coaches - it captures its essence.

Eight years ago, out of gratitude to the club, Mrs Mrlik announced that she was once known to America as Catherine Variety Sheridan, the most famous baby in theatre history.

On Christmas Eve, 1929, at the age of two months, she was found abandoned in the Sheridan Square Theatre in Pittsburgh, next to a parcel of nappies and a note reading: "Please take care of my baby. Her name is Catherine. I can no longer take care of her. I have eight others. My husband is out of work."

"She was born on Thanks Giving Day. I have always heard of the goodness of show business and I pray to God that you will look out for her."

The Variety Club had just been established, and looking after Catherine was its first challenge.

She spent five years in the Roselien Foundling Asylum before it advertised among its members for adoptive parents. From 300 applicants, a childless couple were selected and with her re-christening and move from Pennsylvania, slowly her story faded from the public memory.

Then in 1977, for its fiftieth anniversary, the Variety Club decided to rekindle the story. Mr Morton Sunshine, the executive director, was sent



Mrs Joan Mrlik: "It was time to give something in return" (Photograph: Chris Harris)

to trace Catherine. "It took him some time," Mrs Mrlik said yesterday.

"We lived in the Philippines for years and it wasn't until we came back to South Carolina that a letter was passed to me from the sur-

rogate judge. My anonymity had started rumours that the story wasn't true. It was when people started to doubt the Variety Club's veracity that I decided it was time to thank them for rescuing me and give something in return."

Now a nurse in Washington, she is a frequent guest at Variety Club functions in America. This, however, is the first time she has come to London to tell her story and raise pounds, rather than dollars.

## Hospitals agree on joint schemes

### NHS sees profit in private medicine

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A health authority aims to make a profit out of the private sector and reduce waiting lists by allowing a firm to "contract in" for health services.

Coventry health authority has agreed a deal with Bioplan Holdings, the private hospital group, over two day surgery units and extra private beds. The joint venture will enable the authority both to sell spare capacity and benefit from new capital facilities which it could not have afforded, therefore allowing more National Health Service patients to be treated.

In return, the company will have access to skilled staff and facilities for major surgery.

The deal is one of a number of schemes which are being negotiated with the private sector in anticipation of the Health and Medicines Bill now going

through Parliament, which will allow hospitals to make a profit. It is the fifth deal involving Bioplan which is now "holding discussions" with a further 20 health authorities.

The projects are being encouraged by ministers as they allow an expansion of private services at the same time as benefiting the health service.

The Coventry venture involves three separate developments within existing health service hospitals.

The health authority has recently built a day surgery unit at the Warwickshire and Coventry Hospital, but it has not had enough money to employ staff to use the unit to its full capacity. Part of the deal will allow Bioplan to use the spare capacity to treat 700 private patients a year, while the health authority will charge for each patient.

In another scheme, Bioplan has agreed to provide £1.1 million capital to fund a day surgery and endoscopy (internal examination) unit at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry, which will be used jointly with the health service.

Mr David Loughton, general manager of the hospital, said that Coventry would be able to use 60 per cent of the day places while the rest were designated for private use.

"We have done the deal with Bioplan to expand and enhance the facilities for NHS patients which we could not have achieved within our own resources", Mr Loughton said.

Mr Raymond Coyne, financial director of Bioplan Holdings, said the schemes would allow the firm to provide more services for private patients, without a big capital investment.

## Opera overcomes mishaps

### Aida's unsung stage frights

By Andrew Billen

Organizers overcame a catalogue of mishaps to achieve this week's staging of Verdi's *Aida*, it emerged last night.

As Mr Vittorio Rossi, the director, yesterday celebrated the success of the first night, staff confirmed that the production had suffered from backstage disputes, technical breakdowns and a potentially serious accident.

Personality conflicts in the wardrobe department, responsible for fitting some 600 performers, led to the acrimonious departure of Miss Claire Ditchburn, the wardrobe mistress, hours before the dress rehearsal.

Faced with huge sound and lighting problems, some technicians had to work day and night.

On Saturday, an extra playing a sun god fell through a trap door on stage, though he emerged with bruises only and

was fit for Sunday's performance.

The problems came to a head when Miss Grace Bumbury, who opened in the title role on Sunday, was forced off the stage an hour into the performance by a throat infection.

The part is so strenuous that Miss Bumbury's replacement, Miss Ghena Dimitrova, was replaced by Miss Seta Del Grande. Miss Bumbury spent the day resting, determined to resume the role tonight in front of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Plans for an extra matinee performance on Saturday have been abandoned because of the difficulty of distributing tickets.

Mr Adam Fox, the only English singer in a leading part, yesterday said that the cast had celebrated with

champagne after Sunday's performance. The cast was reported to be pleased by the audience reaction and to have been encouraged rather than distracted by its frequent applause mid-scene.

Commenting on reports that many of the audience had left because of poor visibility, a spokeswoman said only four people had asked to be transferred from their seats.

Although the production has been snuffed at by some critics, it yesterday won a bouquet from the Royal Opera. Mr Ewen Balfour, Covent Garden's press director, called it delightful and paid tribute to the high quality of sound reproduction.

"My only quarrel is that in an opera that is meant to be accessible there should have been surtitles. I bet 90 per cent of the audience had no idea of where they were in the plot."

## Prize change may hamper NHS lottery

By Boris Johnson

Plans to launch a new country-wide lottery to fund the National Health Service may have been dealt a blow by the news that the Government is considering raising the ceiling of local lottery prizes.

Mr Simon Burns, Conservative MP for Chelmsford, has been campaigning for a change in the 1976 Gaming Act so that a lottery in aid of the health service could offer prizes running into six figures.

No lottery can currently offer a prize of more than £6,000. However, the Home Office is understood to be considering raising the figure.

Mr Burns said yesterday that that would be of no benefit to those who wished to help the NHS.

## Suspect in M50 case appears in court

By Craig Seton

Police were given permission to hold a man being questioned about the murder of Mrs Marie Wilks, the pregnant mother, on the M50 for a further 36 hours yesterday, after a court hearing in Worcester.

The man, who was being detained for a third day after his arrest in South Wales, appeared behind closed doors at Worcester magistrates' court. Police said last night that he would appear on an identification parade today.

Detectives issued an urgent appeal for help from a mystery witness who is believed to have information about the killing. They are now convinced that an anonymous man who telephoned Strathclyde police in Glasgow three times in 12 hours last week knows vital details about Mrs Wilks' murder a week ago last Saturday.

Supt Allan Jones, of West Mercia police, said yesterday: "I would ask him to think of the family of Mrs Wilks, the enormity of the crime and the horrible nature of the crime, and ask him to please contact us. He had information to offer us which made it clear he has knowledge of this crime. His information will be treated in confidence and I ask him to believe that."

West Mercia police also revealed yesterday that detectives had flown to Aberdeen as part of the murder inquiry, but said it was not connected with the mystery Glasgow caller.

Yesterday's court appearance in Worcester of the man, who is being questioned about Mrs Wilks' murder took place amid tight security. The main doors of the court were locked as the man, who works in a nightclub in the Pontypriid area of South Wales, was led in handcuffs from the cells to appear before two magistrates.

Miss Judith Kenny, a solicitor for the Crown Prosecution Service, successfully applied for a warrant of extended detention for a further 36 hours under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

The man's wife is expecting a baby in six weeks, about the time that Mrs Wilks, from Warndon, Worcester, was expecting her child. He was arrested on Saturday night at a social club where he worked. Immediately after his arrest, police took possession of a silver Renault 25 car and started forensic science tests on the vehicle and at a three-bedroom home in the area.

## Price war costs tour firms £25m

By Shona Crawford Poole

Travel Editor

Proof that last summer's price war wiped out tour operators' profits comes from the Civil Aviation Authority. It says that the top 30 air travel organizers made an overall loss for the first time since 1974.

As a regulatory body, the authority has access to figures not available to other analysts. The performance of many holiday companies is concealed in the financial reports of parent companies, or lumped with profitable charter airline operations.

The authority's figures show that in a year when the turnover of the big 30 companies rose by 31 per cent, aggregate losses amounted to nearly £25 million.

Turnover increased from £2.1 billion to £2.8 billion, but profits declined from £35 million in 1986 and £79.9 million in 1985.

Thomson Holidays, the largest tour operator, admits making less last year than in 1986. The company lists pre-tax profits of £42.9 million for 1987.

That figure - almost double the total made by all the profitable operators together last year on the authority's figures - includes profits earned by Britannia, the company's charter airline.

A pre-tax loss of £9 million on its holiday operation is shown in British Airways' figures for the year to March 1988.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the authority, said many holidays were sold at prices which could not be sustained.

There are signs this year of a greater concentration on profitability rather than volume.

## Talks on strip

Libreville, Gabon (AFP) - The foreign ministers of Chad, Libya and Gabon are to hold an informal meeting here from July 5-7 to pursue contacts over the 15-year territorial dispute between Chad and Libya, over the Aouzou Strip, an authoritative Gabonese diplomatic source said.

## Amnesty on knives declared

By Sheila Ginn

Political Staff

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday announced a week-long amnesty on knives and offensive weapons before stricter laws on their possession come into force. A firearms amnesty is to take place in September.

The amnesty on knives begins immediately and it is hoped thousands of weapons will be handed in to police stations by July 11.

Under the Criminal Justice Bill, which is due to become law later this summer, those found in possession of anything more than a small folding pocket knife will face prosecution unless they can prove they have a good reason for carrying such an article.

Mr Douglas Hurd, at the Home Office, said yesterday: "This amnesty will enable people to rid themselves of these potentially lethal weapons. Anyone who either carries a knife when they know they should not or has a weapon at home they no longer want should take it to a police station straight away."

"We seem to have reached the intolerable position where significant numbers of people carry knives almost as a matter of routine. This cannot be allowed to continue and the Government's new legislation will help the police tackle this menace by making it an offence to have a knife in public without good reason."

Every vicious weapon handed in is one more out of circulation and that can only be to the good.

The campaign is an important part of the drive against the carrying of knives and other offensive weapons in public."

The carrying of knives and other weapons for bravado or "just in case" was wrong, he said.

## Church airs 'sense of outrage' at Thatcherism

By Clifford Longley

Religious Affairs Editor

The Methodist Conference voted overwhelmingly yesterday to "declare its sense of outrage" at the way government policies are "increasing the wealth of the rich at the expense of the poor".

It was the third day that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Government had been roughly handled by the church into which she was born.

The conference, the governing body of British Methodism, asked its president and other officers to seek a personal meeting with the Prime Minister to tell her of the church's deeply felt concern.

More than a dozen speakers denounced the Government for its alleged sins against social justice and the ideals of Methodism.

The "declaration of outrage", which two delegates opposed, said the division between the "haves" and the "have nots" had been exacerbated by government policy. It demanded that taxes should be restored to their pre-1988 budget level "to support an adequate health and social security budget, to build sufficient public housing, and to create more public investment in Britain's deprived communities".

Methodists who benefited under the last budget were urged to support "those agencies who are combating poverty and campaigning for a righteous and just society".

The mood of the conference was made plain by its response to the only speaker with a good word for the government, the Rev Helen Gardner, of London south-west district, who is sister-in-law of Mr John Gummer,

Minister of State for Agriculture. To groans and scornful laughter, she said: "It really is time we stopped hammering the rich. It really is time we stopped feeling guilty, and that those who had wealth were congratulated on what they had, and encouraged to help those who had less."

The Rev Richard Barnett, who spoke on behalf of the Bristol district in proposing the resolution, gave examples of specific poor families he knew of who were materially worse off since the spring combination of the budget and the social security changes. Money had been "taken from the social security budget and given to the rich in tax relief", he said.

"We say it is an outrage, a scandal and a disgrace in a civilized society. It is our conviction that social justice is at stake."

The Rev Edward Lacy, of Bath, said

he had voted for Mrs Thatcher but was now appalled by the consequences. "My sense of outrage is that I am not a socialist, not part of the new left, I am naturally conservative."

In the first round of voting for next year's presidency of the conference, the highest vote went to the Rev John Vincent, of Sheffield, a well-known critic of the Government.

The government may have its first respite of the conference today, but the anti-government theme will resume tomorrow with debates on the Social Fund, the poll tax, and race relations.

The conference stood for prayers in memory of Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, for whom a memorial service was taking place at Westminster Abbey.

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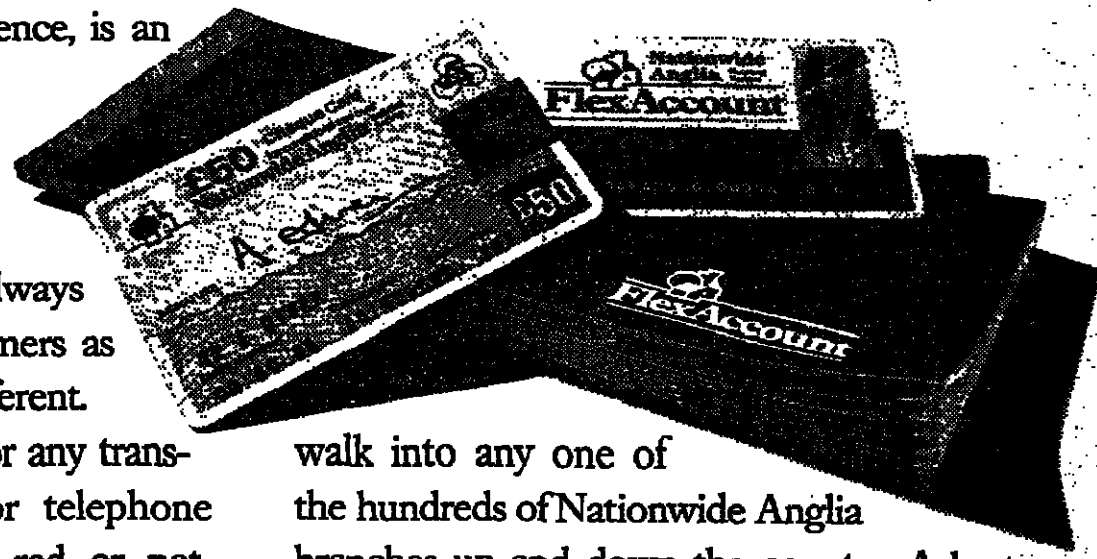
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# Builders appeal for more land as house prices soar again

By Christopher Warman and David Walker

Britain's housebuilders appealed yesterday for more land to be released as estate agents and council planners provided yet more evidence of a booming market.

Mr Alan Cherry, president of the House-Builders Federation, expressed "grave concern" that the Government had agreed a figure for the South-east of 570,000 new houses in the 1990s.

That was a reduction of some 40,000 on the Government's original estimates, and well below the 660,000 the federation is seeking.

"Unless more houses are planned, the prospects for non-owner occupiers and for the children of many existing residents in the region will be grim, as house prices continue to rise," Mr Cherry said in a letter to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

Mr Cherry said similar difficulties were emerging in the Midlands and the North as the economy grew. "The pressures from additional households there, which if met might stem some of the outflows of economically active households to the South, are not being met by plans in those regions."

He said it was "totally misleading" for Mr Ridley to claim that the growth in the economy of the North would relieve housing pressures in the South-east. It was a myth that the Home Counties were full or overdeveloped.

Mr Cherry's forecast of a

housing boom across the country was supported in a separate report by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which predicted that rampaging price increases will soon be affecting all areas.

Mr Peter Miller, the institution's house market spokesman, said: "The wave effect of escalating prices from London and the South-east has really hit home throughout the country, particularly in the North, Midlands and East Anglia. Purchasers are attracted to move out from London, thereby pushing up property prices away from the Home Counties."

Of the 188 estate agents contributing to the survey, more than half report increases in the three months to May 31 of more than 8 per cent (indicating a rise of more than 30 per cent a year).

The institution says that rises are being ignited in many areas by shortages of property.

The London market continues to be "buoyant", with evidence of panic among buyers wishing to avoid the dual tax relief clampdown from August 1.

Fears that the limitation of relief would lead to an increase in gazumping have proved correct, Miss Jane Tait, of the First Time Buyers' Advisory Service, said.

With the need to exchange contracts by August 1 to qualify, some buyers pay over the odds to ensure the extra £60 a month of tax relief on a typical £60,000 mortgage.

Figures released by council

planners show a striking increase in the volume of planning applications by builders during the past three years.

A survey by the District Planning Officers' Society drew together figures from 150 district councils and found that during the first four months of 1988 planning applications were up 50 per cent on the same period in 1985 in a third of the councils.

Mr John Church, president of the society, said: "The pattern is spread all over the country, although the South is under the greatest pressure."

The planners said the increase in applications explained the recent rise in refusal of planning permission. Planners were putting a heavier barrier in the way of developments — the proportions of refusals to permissions granted had remained steady.

Mr Church said developers were less likely to take no for an answer. There had been a 60 per cent increase in appeals by thwarted developers during the past three years.

For example 62 appeals were lodged against Stratford-upon-Avon in the first four months of 1988 compared with 15 for the same period three years ago.

When developers appeal to Whitehall, it appears that they are receiving a more sympathetic hearing. The number of appeals allowed by the Government has risen from 37.5 per cent in 1985 to 39.8 per cent in 1987.

## Royal refuge reopens to public



Karen Peter (left) and Eve Madeley, custodians, preparing for the official opening today (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

By John Young

Boscobel House, in Shropshire, the grounds of which contain the most authentic of the various oak trees in which the future King Charles II is said to have taken refuge from pursuing parliamentarian troops, is to be opened to the public today by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage.

The house has been in the guardianship of government departments since 1954, but was emptied of its contents

before the First World War. It has been completely restored and refurbished as it is thought to have looked in 1912, with eighteenth century tapestries, oil paintings of Oliver Cromwell and Charles II, and a collection of antique furniture.

The house is believed to have been built as a hunting lodge by John Giffard in 1630. After his defeat at the Battle of Worcester, Charles fled to White Ladies, near Boscobel, hoping to escape into Wales, but on the night of September 6, 1651 is alleged to have hidden in the

branches of a tree, and subsequently in the house itself. Six weeks later he escaped to France.

New visitor attractions include an exhibition illustrating Charles's attempts to regain the throne after the civil war and a display of dairy implements from the last century.

The house is open throughout the summer from 9.30am to 6.30pm; admission £1.25 for adults, 95p for pensioners, students and the unemployed and 60p for children.

## Lawyer is fined for 'Mr Swag' fiddle

A solicitor who made more than 950 false claims in an attempt to gain £80,000 from the legal aid fund was fined £4,000 yesterday and given a suspended prison sentence.

Desmond Dempsey, aged 41, used fictitious names such as Terence Swag, Mary Frame, Philip Bent and Mr Rabajczy — pronounced rubberchique — to obtain Crown Court, south-east London, was told.

Detectives who searched Dempsey's practice in Manor Road, Richmond, south-west London, discovered dozens of blank payments forms already signed by clients.

At an earlier hearing he

admitted 13 sample charges of false accounting and two of illegally cashing payment from the Law Society.

Dempsey received a 15-month suspended prison sentence, and was ordered to pay £5,000 costs.

## Public park

The Government has turned down a suggestion from Conservative councillors in London that the Lee Valley Regional Park in east London be privatized.

The London Boroughs Association had asked the Department of Environment to sell the 10,000 acre park along the River Lee because they did not want to pay for its upkeep.

## Girl crushed

A girl aged seven died yesterday after being crushed under the wheels of the horse-drawn caravan in which her family were taking a holiday, near Kilmacool, Oxfordshire.

A helicopter took her to hospital in Oxford, but she was dead on arrival. Police have yet to name her.

## Seat belt Bill

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said yesterday that it would be a miracle if a private member's Bill to make the wearing of rear car seat belts compulsory for children became law. The Bill has its last reading in the Lords today.

## Murder charge

John Clifford, aged 26, of Greenisland, Co Antrim, an uncle of Sue Ellen Clifford, the girl aged eight found dead in Newbury, Newbury, on Saturday, appeared before magistrates in Belfast yesterday charged with her murder.

## Housing gap

Black households are four times more likely than white families to apply for help because they are homeless, a working party convened by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities says. The association says they also tend to wait longer to be rehoused.

## Farmer to sue

Mr Paul Hoyland, a farmer of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, plans to sue after his showjumper Angel impaled himself on a fence after being frightened by the noise from a hot air balloon. The horse was seriously injured.

## Track planned

More than 200 jobs will be created by a £20 million project, backed by East Staffordshire council and a Saudi Arabian prince, to improve Uttoxeter racecourse with an all-weather track.

## Terror whale

A baby killer whale which has been adopted by workers on the Brae Alpha oil rig, 150 miles from Aberdeen, disrupted an anti-terrorist exercise by the Royal Marines' Special Boat Squadron.

## Escaper held

Stephen Johnson, aged 24, last of the 26 prisoners who escaped from Haverigg Prison in south Cumbria earlier this month, has been recaptured, police said yesterday.

## Back on air

The BBC Caribbean service begins broadcasting live again next Monday after it was discontinued in 1984 as an economy measure.

## Alcohol 'epidemic' view challenged

# Drinking 'on the decline'

By Robin Young and Rosemary Unsworth

A report on alcohol consumption in the United Kingdom says that far from rising to epidemic levels as suggested by the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Psychiatrists, drinking is at a lower level than for most of the past three centuries and has declined in the past decade.

The report, prepared by Industry Forecasts, the market research organization, also says UK alcohol consumption is low in comparison with most developed countries.

The researchers say that suggestions of a drinking epidemic stem largely from the use as a basis for comparison of the period immediately after the end of the Second World War, when consumption was low.

The report adds that UK

consumption last year was 9.13 litres of pure alcohol an adult, 6 per cent lower than a decade ago.

That is low in comparison with most industrialized countries, with Britain probably no higher than twenty-fourth in an international table.

Publicans should use beer meters or stamped lined glasses and standardized wine glasses to give full measures, trading standards officers say.

The officers, whose annual conference starts today in Scarborough, believe the introduction of such glasses is the only way to end disagreements.

Beer measures throughout the country vary with some landlords dispensing larger frothy heads than others. "As

the law stands the pint includes the head. We are not happy with that."

Three thousand Dublin bar staff yesterday voted unanimously to go on all-out strike. The action, taking effect on Saturday week and over new legislation concerning opening hours, could affect more than 600 public houses.

Three fathers whose children died in drink-drive road accidents yesterday made a plea to the Home Office to allow random breath tests. They told Lord Ferrers, Minister of State at the Home Office, delaying a decision meant thousands more would be killed.

*Trends in Alcoholic Drink Consumption in the UK* (Industry Forecasts Ltd, 22-24 Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 2BG; £55).

## UK nursery provision criticized

# Poor child care 'obstacle to equality'

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Having children can cost a British woman up to half her lifetime's potential earnings and is the greatest obstacle to equal opportunity, according to two studies carried for the European Commission.

Researchers say the problem is caused by lack of interest from the Government in providing child care facilities.

The reports, from the European Commission's child care network and submitted to the EEC and the Government, say that child care provision in the United Kingdom is seriously underfunded.

Mrs Bronwen Cohen, author of one, severely criticizes the confused nature of current child care policies and says that in the UK services for the

under fives are worse than they were in 1945.

The other report, which concerns care throughout the EEC, shows that the UK has one of the worst records.

One section reveals that Portugal, regarded as the poorest member country, does more to provide facilities.

Mrs Cohen says that a comprehensive national policy for child care is urgently required to enable mothers of working age to join the mainstream of working life.

She found that nurseries in the UK provide care facilities for just 1 per cent of children under five and those places were, in general, only available to children "at risk" or in special need.

Surveys showed that one in five parents would like to use such facilities.

Mrs Cohen, who is head of policy support for the Equal Opportunities Commission, says a rapid expansion of services is needed with initial 1993 targets of nursery places for 6 per cent of under fives (240,000 children), and nursery education for 50 per cent of three year olds, and 90 per cent of four year olds on a full-time basis.

Those targets are already exceeded by most other European countries. Denmark, with the best record, has publicly funded child care services for 44 per cent of children under three and 20 per cent of children of primary school age.

The report recommends the provision of local authority nurseries for all children; community and voluntary nurseries; and workplace nurseries provided by employers.

It also calls on the Government to provide special financial assistance to local authorities unable to maintain current services and more assistance through the tax system to employers setting up nurseries by themselves or in partnership with other employers and local authorities.

*Caring for Children (Report for the EEC Childcare Network)* by Bronwen Cohen and *Childcare and Equality of Opportunity* by Peter Moss (Commission of the European Communities, 8 Storey's Gate, London SW1P 3AT; free).

## Driver gets five years for killing

A drunken motorist intent on frightening a bouncer killed a friend instead, dragged his trapped body four miles and then left the corpse in a hedge, a court was told yesterday.

Simon Harries, aged 21, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, had been punched by a bouncer at a birthday party on September 13, St Albans Crown Court was told. He left the party early, but later decided to "even the score".

He borrowed his mother's car, saying he needed it to take his girl friend to hospital, then drove back to the party at Wigginton Scout Hut, near Tring.

Witnesses said Harries, who was twice the legal alcohol limit, laughed as he mounted the pavement and drove towards his target. Mr Keith Wright, however, the car struck Mr Norman Reed, aged 31, whose wife's birthday had just been celebrated.

Mr Reed, of Chesham Road, Tring, was thrown on to the bonnet. His body then slipped off the vehicle, hooked beneath the car, and was dragged four miles. Harries, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter, dumped the body on a hedge when he arrived home.

The court was told that Harries, sentenced to four years' jail yesterday, had attempted suicide four times since his arrest.

A motor cyclist was jailed for 15 months and banned from driving for three years yesterday after his pillion passenger was killed in an accident on the A29 near Ockley, Surrey.

Barry Spreadbury, aged 22, of Dorking, Surrey, pleaded not guilty at Guildford Crown Court to causing death by reckless driving.

His passenger, Mr Stephen Yates, aged 22, was thrown over one car and fell under the wheels of another when Spreadbury's motor cycle and sidecar crashed. The motor cycle then skidded into a car driven by Sir James Miskin, the City of London Recorder.

## Portrait of Yorks praised

The first official portrait of the Duchess of York — depicted romantically but casually holding hands with the Duke — was unveiled yesterday.

While art experts praised the work, commissioned by Yorkshire Television, it was also disclosed that the Duchess is to publish two children's books next year about a helicopter called Budgie. She will be able to read them to her first child, due in August.

The portrait is by Michael Noakes, who already has three portraits of the Queen and four of the Queen Mother to his credit. It shows the Duchess in a light blouse and softly pleated aqua blue skirt, with the Duke in a turquoise jersey and flannels.

It will be displayed at the National Portrait Gallery in London until the end of August, then in the City of York art gallery.

Mr Yukio Hori, a Japanese art expert who attended the unveiling in London described the portrait as "very refreshing, appealing and charming" but perhaps a little flattering.

Meanwhile Simon and Schuster, the firm publishing the Duchess's books, said some of the profits would go to charity.

The Duchess began writing last March. Miss Denise



Mr Michael Noakes with his portrait of the Duke and Duchess.

Johnstone-Bart, her editor, visited her at Buckingham Palace several times to discuss her work. "The stories are charming," Miss Johnstone-Bart said. "She writes very well."

The Duchess worked in publishing before and after her marriage. She edited *The Palace at Westminster* and wrote the foreword to a book of photographs showing daily life in Britain.

## Lasers shed light on cell development

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A revolutionary microscope using laser technology is giving scientists at Cambridge an insight into one of the most puzzling questions of human development — why a whole being is more than the mere sum of its parts.

The fact that mature humans represent more than vast masses of identical cells raises questions for biologists that go far beyond academic curiosity.

Understanding how one initial cell produces another with the genetic coding to determine eye colour, and how single cells eventually combine to form a brain, liver, or limb, has profound implications for understanding diseases.

Equipped with a battery of advanced analytical instruments, scientists prob-

ing those questions at the world-renowned Laboratory for Molecular Biology in Cambridge have still been restricted in observing exactly what happens inside an egg in the first hours and days after fertilization.

The new invention they are using takes pictures inside living and dividing cells.

The technique has been used to study a simple organism that belongs to the family of nematodes, a wormlike creature.

A team working with Dr John White has adapted the latest advances in laser technology to turn an idea first proposed 30 years ago to practical use.

Their device is called a laser scanning

confocal microscope. Even though cells of embryos are transparent, it is difficult to see inside them under a normal light microscope, so the traditional method has been to cut specimens into thin sections that are examined individually.

With the microscope, a tiny spotlight of laser light about half a micron in diameter, or less than one-thousandth of a millimetre, can be focused at any level inside the cell.

The microscope, being exploited commercially by the scientific specialists BioRad, has already thrown up crucial clues to the scientists at Cambridge about cell differentiation, or the process by which a cell can produce others with different characteristics.

## Exile chosen to head school

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

A former South African students' leader, hounded from his homeland for anti-apartheid activities, will be the next head of Wellington College.

Mr Charles Driver, aged 48, who is head of Berkshire School, Hertfordshire, will take over as Master in September 1989. He was the unanimous choice of the governors to succeed Dr David Newsome at the Berkshire school.

Mr Driver, as president of the National Union of South African Students in 1963-64, came into open conflict with

the authorities over discrimination against black students.

He left the country voluntarily after graduating in 1964 from Cape Town University with an honours degree in education and was later declared a "prohibited immigrant" by the South African government, which has banned some of his novels and volumes of poetry.

Mr Driver taught at Sevenoaks School, Kent, where he rose to be a house master, studied for a Masters degree in philosophy at Trinity Col-

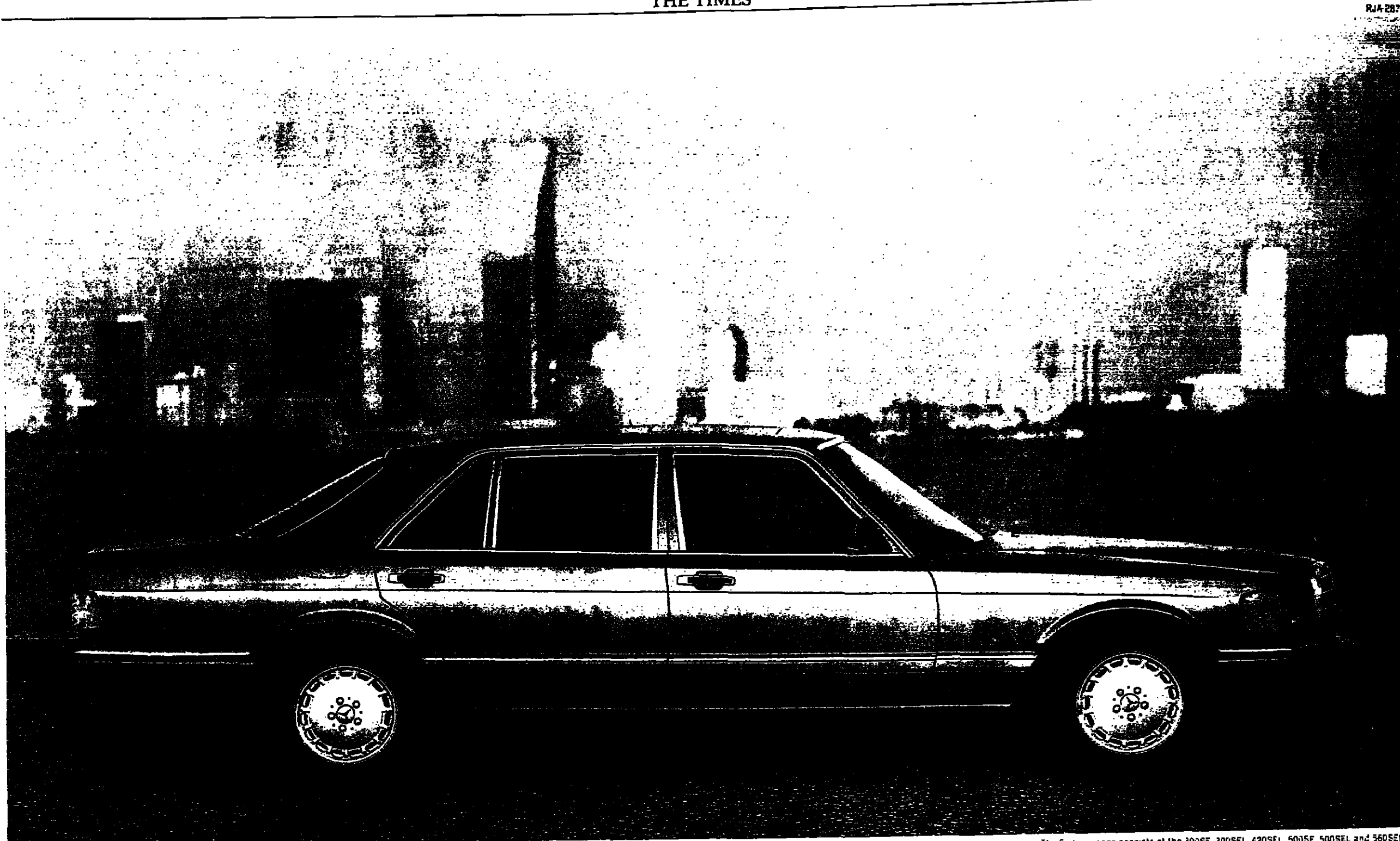
lege, Oxford, and for five years was headmaster of the Island School, Hong Kong.

His first novel, *Elegy for a Revolutionary*, was recently taken off the South African blacklists although his second, *Sand War in Our Time*, remains banned.

Mr Driver, a rugby and running enthusiast, said: "I am deeply against any form of racism, especially if it is institutionalized. But I do not regard myself as a campaigner and I now think of myself as an English public school headmaster first and foremost."

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## The Mercedes-Benz S-class. Two opposing points of view.

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# Peers in bitter protests over extra workload

Another row erupted in the House of Lords about the workload put on peers dealing concurrently with the education and poll-tax reforms after a further 182 amendments were tabled during the final stages of the Education Reform Bill.

Lady White (Lab) said that she and other peers did not like walking the streets after midnight. Sitting to 2am or later was giving cause to considerable concern and dissatisfaction.

[The Government has put aside today and tomorrow for the final examination of nearly 300 remaining amendments at the report stage. Peers have regularly been sitting into the early hours debating amendments to both the education and poll-tax Bills.]

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhys, leader of the Labour peers, raised the issue after questions when he said that after the Government last week had reluctantly granted an extra day (last Thursday) for the Bill's report stage, Ministers had tabled 182 additional amendments.

These were a very substantial addition to an already overloaded list of amendments. Would the Leader of the House (Lord Belstead) be good enough

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to tell the House why number had been tabled?

Lord Belstead said that he recognized that there was a long list of amendments to be got through and he would be the first to recognize the enormous amount of work the House had put in on this Bill.

Only 12 of the new Government amendments were substantive additions; 33 fulfilled commitments given during earlier stages and the rest were consequential, technical or otherwise minor changes.

Taken together the batch was not much of an additional burden (Labour protests).

Lord Cledwyn said that peers concerned with processing the Bill needed time to consider the technical amendments. Why did not Lord Belstead mention the additions last Wednesday when they were discussing the issue? These matters must have been before Ministers.

Lord Belstead said that he was not trying to suggest that there was not a very considerable burden on the Lords, but that the number of substantive amendments numbered only a dozen.

Lady White said that she and others did not like walking the

streets after midnight. The House should only occasionally sit after midnight.

Lady White: Whose fault is that?

Lord Belstead said that it was not the first time that the House had had to sit late. The handling of the Bill by the peers had been exemplary. Of course it was best not to sit too late, but this meant an effort on the part of all peers.

Lady Sear, deputy leader of the Social and Democratic peers, said the running commentary of the education and poll-tax Bills made life extremely difficult.

Lord Belstead said that they were two major Bills, which the Government wished to see on the statute book — and it was something "we are determined to do".

Lord Cledwyn said that he registered a protest that, as a result of the extra burden, the House would not be able to play the part it ought to.

Lord Belstead said that he was sorry to hear that. He apologized for amendments put down later than he would have wished. But the number of substantive changes was small.

Lord Cledwyn said that 12 substantive amendments taking half-an-hour each would add six hours to the report stage.



Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence (left), visiting the Royal Ordnance stand at the British Army Equipment Exhibition at Aldershot yesterday

# £1.2bn deficit brings demand for debate

The announcement of Britain's worst ever monthly balance of payments deficit of £1.2 billion should be a matter for urgent debate. Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolton, Lab) told the Commons when he unsuccessfully applied for an emergency debate.

He said that Opposition members had been urging caution for some time about the way the balance of payments had been since the election boom of 1987.

The latest figure of £1.2 billion represented the worst figure in Britain's history.

While the Prime Minister spends her time galavanting around the world telling other countries that Britain is going through a boom, preaching prosperity, the truth is that these figures show, as have others during the course of 1988, that the country is bleeding to death.

In his Budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer had predicted a balance of payments deficit this year of £4 billion.

The truth was that already, in the five months to May, the deficit amounted to £5.2 billion and the country was heading for a deficit of between £10 billion and £12 billion.

While the Prime Minister constantly preaches prudence to others, she is in fact presiding over a pawn-shop economy.

The £1.2 billion deficit on Britain's balance of payments is

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only the first instalment we are having to pay for this so-called free-for-all, entrepreneurial, market-force philosophy of the Prime Minister and her Cabinet.

The United Kingdom's chief competitors, West Germany and Japan, had surpluses of \$120 billion, while our deficit would get increasingly worse.

An emergency debate was important because interest rates would rise as a result of the deficit and that would result in further inflation, which would mean the spiral of unemployment resuming once again.

The figures also indicated that the Government had been fiddling the invisible earnings figures, talking of £600 million to £700 million when in fact the figure was now shown to be £400 million.

The Opposition wanted a debate to show the Prime Minister could come to the Dispatch Box and answer these charges.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that he had listened carefully to what had been said.

However, he did not think the matters raised met the criteria required take precedence over existing business and he could not therefore put the request to the House.

# Plea for parents is rejected

Peers on the Opposition benches pleaded with the Government to allow parents whose children have nearly completed their primary education to have a say on the future of the local secondary school.

The tabled an amendment on the fourth day of the report stage of the Education Reform Bill to alter the arrangements for holding a ballot of parents on whether they want their children's school to opt out of local authority control and take on grant-maintained status directly under Whitehall. It was rejected by 116 votes to 87 — Government majority, 29.

Moving the amendment, Lord McNair (SLD) said that the aim was to take away the vote from parents whose children were about to leave the secondary school and give it to those parents whose children were due to leave primary school and go on to the secondary school.

Lady David, chief Opposition education spokeswoman in the Lords, said that it had been recognized in the Lords that it was important for the parents of primary school children in their last year to have the same voice on the future of the secondary school in their catchment area as the other parents.

Lady Hooper, Minister of

State for Education and Science, said that anybody who wished to comment to the Secretary of State on proposals for opting out would be able to. The Secretary of State would consider proposals on their merits in the light of points put to him and bearing in mind the parental views.

Lady Faithfull (C) moved an amendment allowing schools to opt back into the system after five years with the agreement of the required number of parents.

She said that the school, the area and the people might change over that period. In Kent, with the building of the Channel tunnel, there would be a complete change of population.

Lady David, supporting the amendment, said that it seemed ridiculous for there not to be the possibility of opting back into the system.

Lady Carnegie of Lorn (C) said that a school that had opted out should be free of political manoeuvring. If there were people in the local authority desperate to get the school back, there would be constant politicization on the issue. That would be disastrous for the opted-out school.

Lady Hooper, opposing the amendment, said that it would

be highly discomforting, not least for the pupils, if there was the prospect of another change of status after five years and the possibility of further to-ing and fro-ing after that.

The Government was confident that grant-maintained schools would be fully accountable to parents.

Lady Faithfull I hope that when governors and parents opt out of the system, it is clear to them that they cannot opt back again. I think they should know where they stand.

The amendment was rejected by 110 votes to 91 — Government majority, 19.

Lady David moved an amendment, urging that the ballot to opt out should be on the basis of one child, one vote rather than one parent, one vote.

She said that in divorced families there might be a very great number of people claiming to be parents.

Lady Hooper said that the Government had thought about that proposition but did not consider it acceptable. The Government proposals were about enhancing the influence of parents.

The amendment was rejected by 115 votes to 93 — Government majority, 22.

# Parliament remembers 1688

Both Houses of Parliament will be presenting addresses to the Queen on July 20 to mark the bicentenary of the Bill of Rights. Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, said during question time.

He did not favour the suggestion of a Labour MP that, since the Bill of Rights was designed to protect the individual against the oppressive power of the state, the best celebration would be to pass another such Bill.

Mr Wakeham said that to mark the occasion there would also be an exhibition in the Banqueting House in Whitehall, to be opened on June 29 by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone. The Queen would visit the exhibition on July 20.

There would be associated publications, including material for schools.

When Mr Graham Allen (Nottingham North, Lab), made his point about another Bill of Rights, Mr Wakeham said that such a radical constitutional change could proceed only on the basis of agreement.

There was no evidence of much support for the idea on either side of the House.

# Housing Bill under fire

Labour MPs continued their protest at the Government's proposals to set up housing action trusts (HATs) under the Housing Bill when the report stage was resumed in the Commons.

HATs are Government-sponsored bodies set up to revitalize rundown housing estates or areas of poor housing. Opposition MPs maintain that they will usurp the role of local authorities.

The last sitting on the report stage continued through the night of June 14 and had been interrupted during the evening of June 15 with allegations from both sides of bad faith over arrangements for considering the Bill.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) said that the Bill would give HATs the power to give financial assistance to any person. He proposed an amendment so that they could give such assistance only to statutory authorities or registered charities.

His aim was to reduce what he said would be the considerable scope for patronage by these unaccountable, undemocratic bodies.

Mrs Marion Roe, Under Secretary of State for the Environ-

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ment, said that HATs would be able to use their power to give financial assistance only with the consent of the Secretary of State.

The Department of the Environment would issue a financial memorandum to HATs that would set out in detail the principles and circumstances in which such assistance could be given.

There were many worthy activities for which such financial assistance could be used, such as helping to set up workshops or training schemes.

She found it hard to believe that Labour MPs did not want to see useful activity of that sort promoted and encouraged by HATs.

Full details of all financial assistance given by each HAT would be set out in the annual report submitted to Parliament.

The amendment was rejected without a division.

Mr Spearing moved a further amendment to give more parliamentary control over HATs. He said that the clause giving the power to the Secretary of State to transfer land from local

councils to HATs meant its confiscation from future generations.

The Secretary of State was asking for huge centralized powers.

He was introducing legislation not only about confiscating land from the local community, but he was also saying that any part of that HAT's function could be operated by any other person. It could be a bit of patronage or easy money to any person, such as an estate agent.

His amendment would ensure that no such agreement could take effect until it had been approved by both Houses.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Housing and Planning, said that the trusts were temporary bodies using central government resources to revitalize housing in particular areas. There was no question of confiscation. There would be proper valuations reached by the district valuer in the normal way.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, C) said that they did not like giving such enormous powers to quangos which were not subject, as councils were, to democratic elections.

The amendment was rejected without a division.

# Bishops find a defender

The present system of appointing bishops could often put the Prime Minister in an invidious position, Mr John Marshall (Hendon, C) said in a speech. There was widespread public concern about the nature of the leadership offered by certain bishops and also about the appointment process.

Mr Michael Allison, answering on behalf of the Church Commissioners, said that he would not be expected to agree with every pronouncement made by a bishop. The Prime Minister had the final responsibility for the indirect process of choosing bishops.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) said that, although bishops were a popular Commons pastime, would it not be appropriate to call a rain check on such activities during the Lambeth Conference?

Mr Allison said that a great deal of the bishops' spiritual ministry went unreported.

# Agriculture plan delayed

Publication of the new definitive system of agricultural-land classification in England and Wales has been deferred until October to allow time for appropriate adjustments, after comments received, Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, said in a written Commons reply.

## Baby safety

The British Standards Institution hopes to publish a revised standard for baby-walkers by the end of the year, Mr John Boucher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in a written reply.

## More vandals

Instances of theft and vandalism had occurred in 54 per cent of churches in all parts of the country in the past 5 to 10 years, Mr Michael Allison said at questions.

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Defence; Prime Minister. Criminal Justice Bill, completion of remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Education Reform Bill, report, fifth day.

# Welsh steel industry full of confidence, says Walker

There were few industries in Europe more confident than the Welsh steel industry, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, said during Commons questions.

When it came to privatization, the people involved in the steel industry would be eager to participate, he said.

Productivity in the steel industry had improved greatly in recent years because of high investment and the collaboration of those involved. Production of liquid steel and coil was higher last year than in 1979 despite the corporation's employing 30,000 fewer people in the principality.

In the private sector, the successful flotation of Allied Steel and Wire was evidence of an energetic, growing and forward-looking industry whose employees had confidence in the future.

Mr Michael Jack (Fyde, C) said that this steel industry programme in, for example, the Fort Talbot steelworks, and provided an excellent springboard for further productivity gains as the steel industry was privatized.

Mr Walker: The steel industry in Wales is in a strong position, is one of the finest

industries in Europe and is confident about the future.

Mr Michael Foot (Blanaug Gwent, Lab): As he is so enthusiastic about the achievements of steel workers in Wales — as he and everyone else is right to be — why does he not listen to what they say about keeping the industry in public hands?

Mr Walker: When it comes to privatization, the people working in the steel industry will be eager to participate in that privatization.

Sir John Stradling Thomas (Monmouth, C): The steel industry in Wales can welcome wholeheartedly something I have wanted to see for a long time, the abolition of the quota system, because we are now competitive and can compete with the world.

Mr Walker: There are few industries in Europe more confident than the Welsh steel industry.

Mr Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West, Lab) said that productivity gains made by the steel industry in Wales were because the steel workers in Wales had refused to abide by the slimline operation introduced by the Government in 1979, which had halved the workforce in Wales and halved output as well.

Mr Walker said that the labour force had not been halved; it had been cut by two-thirds.

Further exchanges during Welsh questions included the following:

● Inward investment in Wales last year amounted to £244 million from 113 projects and present trends suggested every prospect of that high level of activity being maintained this year, Mr Walker said.

He added that in the first five months of this year projects involving £248 million had taken place.

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C) said that the remarks in the Commons last Thursday by Mr Alan Williams, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, about the "coolie economy" and the remarks of the TUC in relation to single-union agreements in Wales, did nothing to help and might damage the Welsh economy.

Mr Walker said that there were quite a number of single-union agreements operating in Wales with the co-operation of the unions, including the Transport and General Workers'.

In the present circumstances the remarks about a coolie economy would not be taken very seriously by firms that had

come to Wales, including those from Japan and Germany.

Mr Iwan Wyn Jones (Ynys Môn, Pl C) said that inward investment had made little impact on Powys, Gwynedd and Dyfed. When would that position change?

Mr Walker agreed that it was more difficult to attract inward investment from overseas into the more remote parts of Wales and the United Kingdom, but the Government attempted to compensate for that through the Welsh Development Agency. Some of the success stories in Mid Wales concerned the bigger British firms that had moved there.

Mr Keith Ruffin (Delyn, C) asked what had been the average wage of the male Welsh "coolie" in 1979 when Mr Williams had last held government office?

Mr Walker said that in 1979 the average wage for men in Wales had been £97.60 a week, compared with the present figure of about £220 a week.

Mr Gareth Wardell (Gower, Lab) said that Mr Walker had mentioned a components' supplier that would be helped to move to Wales. What kind of help would that be?

Mr Walker said that there had already been meetings with

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Mr Michael Foot: "Keep industry in public hands"

suppliers to the motor industry. The Welsh Development Agency was carrying out a big market research programme to see what potential could be identified for component-part manufacturing and then, having identified it, the Government could take appropriate action.

● Employers in the Welsh tourism industry, accused by Labour of paying wages suitable to a "coolie" economy, would continue to pay what the industry

could afford, Mr Wyn Roberts, Minister of State for Wales, said.

He said that in 1987 about 12 million tourists had visited Wales, including about 570,000 from overseas. It was likely that the expenditure data would show a big increase on the £600 million estimated to have been spent by staying visitors in the principality in 1986.

Mr Cwael Gregory (York, C) asked whether the minister was satisfied with the reliability of tourism statistics for Wales and whether he would comment on the resources available to the efficient Welsh Tourism Board.

Mr Roberts said that Mr Gregory was right in saying that there was some concern about the quality of data relating to tourism statistics and the Government had therefore commissioned a review of these statistics, the report of which was expected shortly.

Since 1983, overall net resources for the Welsh Tourism Board had risen by 90 per cent and this year it would have at its disposal £9.21 million.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C) said that the Welsh level of overseas tourism was only about half the proportion coming to the UK as a whole and if anything was going to be

done about this there had to be a huge assault on the market.

Would the minister confirm that the Welsh Development Agency was allowed to work with the Welsh Tourist Board on projects of importance to tourism, including helping to fund the opening of offices outside Wales, in places such as Stratford, Oxford and Bath, which could help to attract overseas visitors?

Mr Roberts said that he could confirm the second point. He was concerned to see "effective arrangements" for overseas visitors and these were indeed being achieved by the Secretary of State for Wales (Mr Peter Walker) and the chairman of the British Tourist Authority.

As a result, there were people with specialist knowledge of Wales in key locations such as Frankfurt, Dublin and New York.

Mr Alan Williams, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, said that they all welcomed extra tourists to Wales, but he wondered whether the minister realized what low pay was received by the workers.

Mr Roberts said that the tourism industry was one of the most important in Wales and it employed about 90,000 people.

# Further 25,000 to be tax exempt

By Sheila Conn  
Political Staff

A further 25,000 people will be exempt from paying the proposed community charge — or poll tax — including those sleeping rough, under concessions announced by the Government yesterday.

Ministers have now admitted that it will be almost impossible to register and collect the charge from those sleeping rough. MPs, peers and charities have argued with them for months about the problem of trying to levy the charge on those living in cardboard boxes.

Community service volunteers, who receive pocket money in return for their work, will also be excluded under amendments to the Local Government Finance Bill tabled in the House of Lords. In all, more than 500,000 people will be totally exempt from paying poll tax.

However, Lord Cairns, Minister of State, Environment, who is in charge of the Bill in the Lords, has rejected pleas to



Lord Cairns: Severe practical problems cited

extend total exemption to those living in general purpose hostels, which provide care but not treatment, such as the Salvation Army's accommodation.

In a compromise offer, he has tabled a change requiring such people to pay 20 per cent of the

community charge. Previously, charities had complained that under the Bill as it stood they would have to levy the full amount on residents.

The changes will be made in the House of Lords later this week and next week as the Bill enters its final stages through Parliament.

The groups of people who will be totally exempt are:

- Under 19 still at school;
- NHS in-patients;
- those in nursing homes or receiving treatment in hostels;
- nuns, monks and others with no independent means in religious communities;
- most prisoners and those on remand;
- the homeless;
- most severely handicapped people;
- members of overseas forces and missions, who will pay a contribution to local services;
- community service volunteers.

Lord Cairns said in a letter to Lord McIntosh, Labour's chief environment spokesman

in the Lords: "In the case of the homeless, we accept that there would be severe practical problems in attempting to register people who sleep rough and in trying to collect the community charge from them."

"We also accept that accountability to apply to such people only to a very limited extent."

The Government has already announced that those in hostels receiving treatment will be exempt. Lord Cairns has confirmed that that will include those in special communities undergoing treatment for drug and alcohol abuse.

Lord Cairns also fulfilled promises he made to peers to table amendments exempting remand prisoners.

Under the Government's original proposals, those on remand who were later cleared would have to pay the charge while those convicted were exempt. However, those sent to prison for community charge arrears or defaulting on fines will still have to pay poll tax for the whole time of their detention.

# More rights likely for the public

By Our Political Staff

The public will gain further rights and access to information about them because of the likely success of a group of measures introduced, by individual MPs and peers.

One private measure introduced by Lord Templeman, giving the public the right to inspect the land registry, has already reached the statute book this session.

The Access to Medical Records Bill and Community Health Councils (Access to Information) Bill both look set to get through so that people can see medical reports drawn up for employment or insurance purposes and have access to more documents and meetings held by the health councils.

Mr Christopher Smith, Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, is also well on the way to getting through his Environment and Safety Information Bill so that the public can inspect notices put out by the

local authority environment health officers and the Health and Safety Executive.

Of nearly 100 private MPs' and peers' Bills brought in this session only a handful still stand a chance of becoming law.

Sustained opposition from even a small group of MPs or peers is usually enough to foil most attempts by individual members of either House at changing the law. But even the unsuccessful ones have opened a debate in Parliament on issues of concern and can influence the Government's approach.

Two Bills well on the way to clearing the many obstacles will extend the criminal law to cover two phenomena that have distressed many people — dog fighting and poison-pen letters.

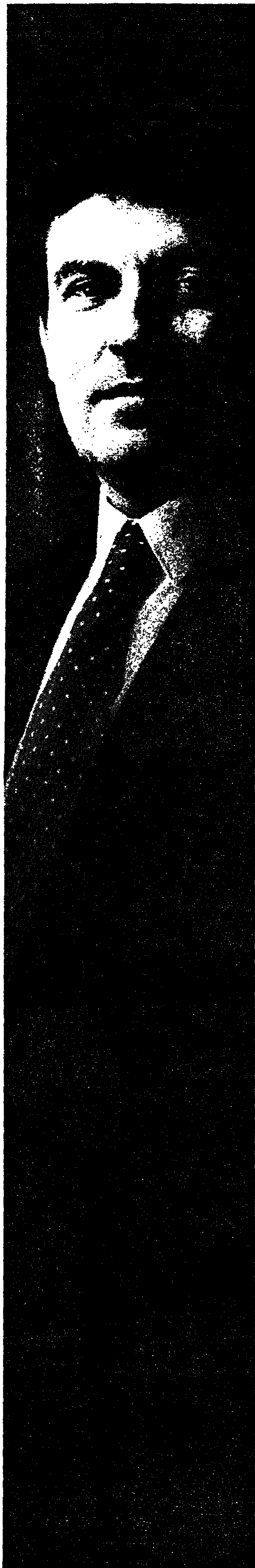
The Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, introduced by Mr John Browne, Conservative MP for Winchester, strengthening the powers to prosecute those involved in dog fights, cleared the House of

Lords yesterday. It will return to the Commons for agreement to impose fines of up to £1,000 on those advertising fights before receiving royal assent.

Similarly, the Malignant Communications Bill only needs MPs' agreement on raising the maximum fine to £1,000 before it becomes law. The measure, brought in by Mr Andrew Stewart, Conservative MP for Sherwood, is aimed at those sending offensive or threatening material through the post.

A Bill to prevent horses, ponies and donkeys being tethered without proper facilities has completed its stages in the Commons and is making good progress through the Lords.





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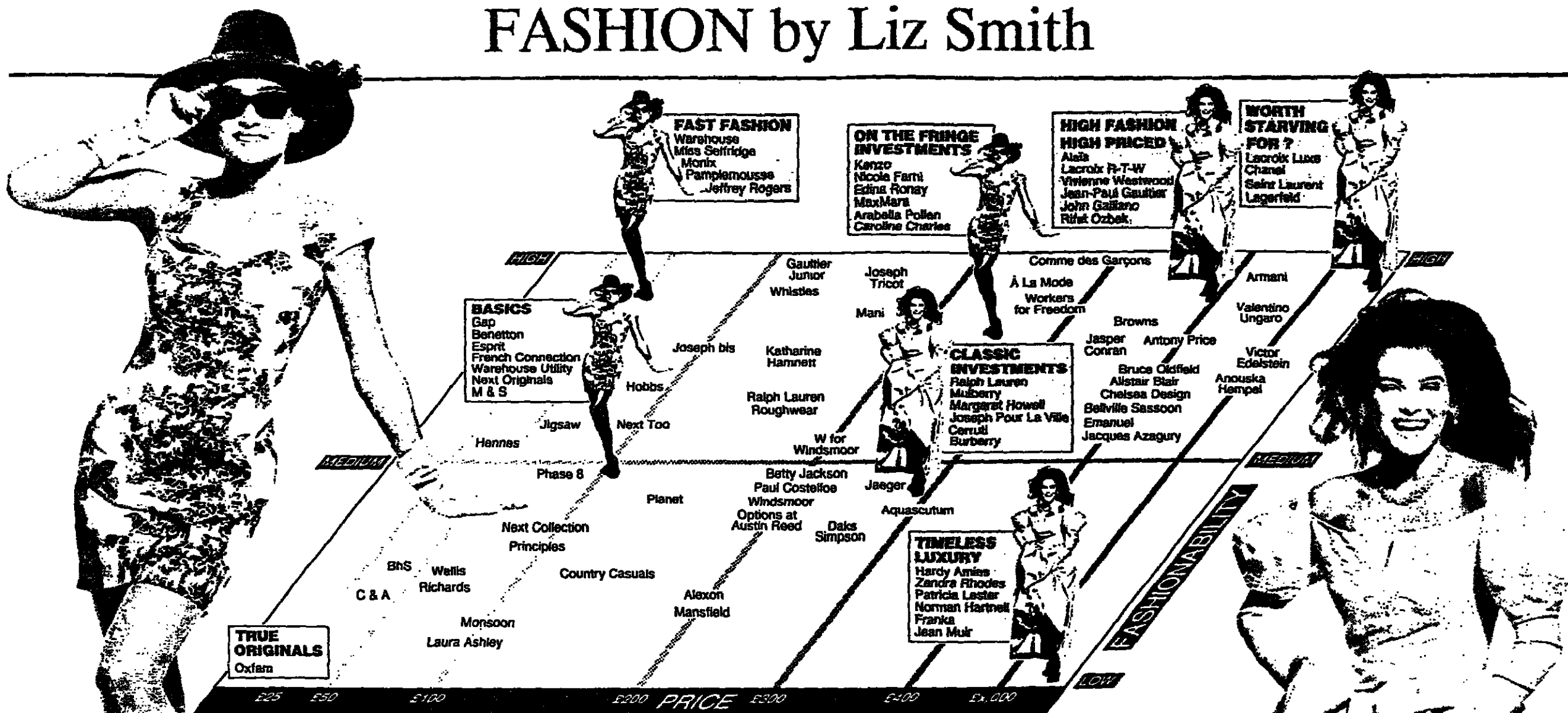
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## FASHION by Liz Smith



## Map out your style

**D**o you realize that you are a pin stuck on a map? As you trawl the up-market shops for an off-the-shoulder silk suit or dash into a chain store for T-shirt and jeans, did you know that you automatically take up a precise position on a fashion grid?

As anyone in the marketing business will confirm, each one of us is a target in somebody's master plan. Wherever marketing men gather to plot to sell you something, be it chocolate bar, compact disc or cashmere cardigan, you, the consumer, are a star on their map. I think it is time we turned these hard-nosed marketing tactics around.

It was the fine-tuning given by Jeff Banks and his talented design team at Warehouse to their numerous lines (which include Utility, By Mail for men and women, Essentials and Jeff Banks, their "designer" label) that turned me on to the power of the grid. If a designer can pore over a map and target the customer pinned to a grid, the customer should be free to follow similar signposts and shop precisely.

"The grid is the most articulate way we can communicate," Banks says. "Before we start designing anything, we refer to it." His team constantly keeps in mind a graduating scale of fashionability. The price

From cheap high fashion to high-priced designer classics — decide where you fit on the graph and go precision shopping

position at Warehouse changes little, high or low, on the scale.

Let us suppose that you feel like investing in one or two high-priced classics, but would like to lighten these worthy basics with an ultra-fashionable little number that does not cost the earth. A grid like this helps you target your shopping accurately. Shops, designers, manufacturers are all in position on a graph (I have not listed department stores, as most contain a spectrum of clothes). Price ranges horizontally, left to right, from £25 up to the thousands of pounds sometimes asked for a couture label.

Fashionability, running vertically on a scale of low to high, bottom to top, is a quality much in discussion. Its interpretation depends on how you translate the word *fashion*. On my map, fashion is used the way I always interpret it — a style of the moment which, recently arrived and being momentary, will not stay long. For this reason many chic names appear surprisingly low on the scale of fashionability, but any woman

lucky enough to be able to spend a fortune on a column of bronze pleated silk designed by Patricia Lester, or invest in the strikingly individual curves of a punched suede cardigan by Jean Muir, will be thankful that not being "in", such glorious clothes can never be "out". A chain like BHS is clearly moving up the graph.

**S**tepping on to the grid myself, I would probably stand just right of centre. Admittedly, I buy a few quite expensive items, classic "pieces" which go on forever — simple separates provide endless flexibility.

Yves Saint Laurent is a maverick on the map. His style is totally of today, his prices high, so his place on my map is surely at the top right. But anybody who invests in Saint Laurent today will still be wearing that outfit in five years' time. By then so, too, will the canny chain store shopper — where interpretations of YSL safari jackets, tuxedos, blazers, wrap skirts and peasant

blouses have ended up over the decades.

In the high street store wars, manufacturers and retailers jostle for the same target customer. Fashion, as it moves into the 1990s, is big business.

Do not necessarily look at the top half of the grid for the most obviously popular clothes on the high street. A much-punctured map is obviously pinned to the walls of Next's headquarters in Leicester, with Next Too (more trendsetting), Next Collection (more staid) and Next Originals (best basics) precisely pinpointing specific customers. The reason for the success of the mass-market French Connection line is that it provides spirited basics and not the stiffer excesses of hit-and-miss style. Stephen Marks targets his intelligent customer by providing her with affordable and fashionable basics with a French Connection label, as well as more up-market Nicole Farhi classics (an "On The Fringe" investment on my map, since Farhi is classic with an added injection of pizazz).

Without planning, as Jeff Banks says, "you simply toss clothes into the shops and watch the goldfish scramble for them". Following the marketing men's tactics and armed with a grid we could all go precision shopping.

**ABOVE:** Fleeting fashionability in pink and purple flower-print cotton, £29.99; black straw hat, £29.99; Warehouse, 18-21 Argyle Street, W1, and branches. Grosgrain pumps, £59.99, Russell & Bromley, 24-25 New Bond Street, W1, and branches. **RIGHT:** Long-term investment with crystal-beaded ball dress in orchid pink moiré tulle, £2,950 to order from Norman Hammett, 26 Bruton Street, W1. Champagne satin court shoes, £119, H & M Rayne, 15 Old Bond Street, W1. Make-up: Maureen Barrymore for Kanebo. Hair: Alan Whyte at Neville Daniel. Photographs: TONY MCGEE. Graphic: GEOFFREY SIMS.

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## Cheaper frills

Janet Reger, master confectioner of lace and satin frillies, is opening her first shop outside London. A pretty boudoir done up in pink, white and silver opens next week in Northumberland Place in Bath. As well as the little luxuries in pure silk and glossy polyester satin which she has made her signature Janet Reger launches a new medium-price line. Briefs and garters will cost as little as £5. Less expensive silk camiknickers and bodies are priced from £15 to £25. The shop will also sell Reger bedlinen, towels and bedroom accessories.

Our anarchic fashion designer Katharine Hammett, a political activist through the medium of her slogan T-shirts, is a traditionalist after all: having decamped to Mayfair from Camden, where her company meetings were held in a cave, Hammett is to open a menswear emporium a step away from that bastion of establishment tailoring, Savile Row, in adjoining Clifford Street. She also plans to join the clique of top international designers with a shop in Sloane Street, London's exclusive shopping mall. It is part of her plan to regain control of her shops from Peter Bertelsen, whose Agneccheek company has closed her Kings Road shop and will close the South Molton Street shop at the end of July. However, the echoing Hammett establishment on Brompton Cross still flourishes.

## Pick of the sale season



The sale season is traditionally the time when timeless luxuries and classic investments (see grid above) can at last become a reality. Cashmere twinsets are down from £212 to £95 at Lord's in Burlington Arcade. At Burberry, the timeless trenchcoat is reduced from £285 to £205. A luxurious cashmere coat is marked down at Aquascutum

from £399 to £199. Many sales have already started. Selfridges opens its sale at 9am today. Liberty's starts tomorrow. All branches of Debenhams & Jones start theirs on Thursday. After a season that retailers agree has been "slow", there are bumper bargains across the board from racks of designer suits and silk dresses to troughs of oddments.

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1 Jacket in flowered ottoman, £239 (from £359);

tulip skirt in black satin, £105 (£159); by Arabella

Pollen from House of Fraser, Oxford Street, W1;

Fraser's, Glasgow

2 Double-breasted jacket in navy wool gabardine, £149

(£199) — also in black, stone, beige, by Nicole

Farhi at Fenwick, 63 New Bond Street, W1. Cuffed

trousers in white cotton pique, £49 (£69), Jaeger

3 Coat in scarlet silk and wool, £297 (£395) by Edina

Roney, 141 Kings Road, SW3 (sale starts July 2);

Room 7, Leeds; Brown Thomas, Dublin. Short-

sleeved spotted linen dress, £110 (£259) Caroline

Charles, 11 Beauchamp Place, SW3 (sale starts

July 2)

4 Shawl-collared fitted jacket in navy and white

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# TIMES DIARY BARBARA AMIEL

Real television people do not persevere. I watched Frank Miles carefully at his retirement party at the Science Museum's Space Gallery last week. In spite of the ITN lights and the exhaust fumes of a hundred people or so, his complexion remained damp-proof. I did once hear of an American television person who actually had surgery to remove sweat glands but that seems unnecessary for most of the breed who are evidently wired differently from ordinary people.

There was a lot of space chat. ITN editor, David Nicholas, explained that Mars was the place to be in the next decade. We all reminisced about where we were when men first landed on the moon. Lord Stockton, who is publishing a book co-edited by Miles, told us that when it comes to space "... the Americans are not getting their act together. The Russians are." I still flinch a bit when I hear the Soviets referred to as Russians but one learns to let that pass. It's either that or

It seems to me a great shame that the Americans have let their space initiative dwindle. All mammals are exploratory animals and human beings are the most exploratory of all mammals. It was the Challenger disaster and the death of its crew that marked a pullback in the US programme. That's a shame because the conquest of the sea and the air and even roads, for that matter, would not have been possible if people had not been willing to risk their lives. How many test drivers have banged into steep curves just so I could amble safely around Somerset last weekend in my rented hatchback?

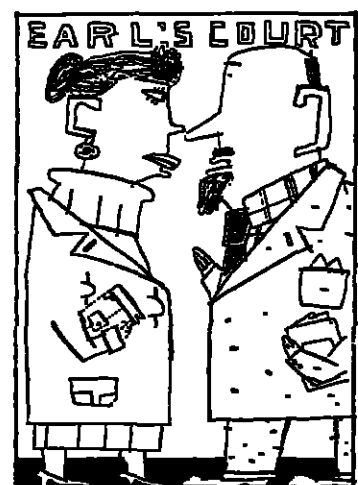
Part of the slowdown, as well, is probably due to the cheap political stunt that tainted the Challenger mission. The crew included a brave female schoolteacher who was there to demonstrate that "space was a natural environment for man". Well, it isn't yet and asking ordinary human beings to assume the risks that normally only dedicated test pilots assume was trendy, senseless and ultimately backfired.

It's good to see British Rail encouraging thrifty upward mobility. When I went to buy my first-class ticket to Taunton (£30 one-way) last Saturday, the man in the ticket-office at Paddington looked at my office-grey complexion and advised me to buy a standard fare and upgrade on the train. Very thoughtful. It was £7 cheaper and most pleasing I was. I'm afraid to question the logic behind this fare arrangement lest it turn out to be a loophole of some sort which inevitably will be closed to one's disadvantage.

Once I got into the countryside, the mind concentrated wonderfully on matters of survival which boiled down to finding an establishment before the witching hour of 1.30 pm when all food in England is placed safely in bunkers inaccessible to man. As luck would have it I stumbled into a pub in Monksilver and managed to eat and talk for more than an hour and a half without once mentioning child abuse, neglectful parents, hooligans or alcohol abuse. I found my vocabulary rather strained by this experience.

Later, as I drove in utter peace through lanes with no other cars, it occurred to me how frantic society is these days when tackling its "problems". For centuries we smoked and brawled and no one bothered about it very much until suddenly we woke up one day and decided to turn smokers into lepers and license people to watch football games. The over-sufficiency of our panic reaction usually follows an earlier insufficiency of measured response. We seem to yearn to right one wrong with another, even though we know two wrongs don't add up to a right. In fact, the expression is one of our most common clichés and yet we practise it assiduously.

BARRY FANTONI



'Now is the time for all good sopranos to come to the aid of Aida'

When the Prime Minister flew into Toronto last week, the 44 elected Ontario Benchers who are the province's most distinguished lawyers, decided to make her an honorary member. The gang-of-three radicals among the Benchers protested very loudly as expected. The remaining 41-members seemed content.

This state of affairs was greeted with two headlines in the Toronto newspapers. "Lawyers outraged at plans to honor Maggie Thatcher" said the *Toronto Star* and "Plan to honor Thatcher angers Ontario lawyers" in the *Globe & Mail*. I suppose it's punchier, than heading the story with "Most Lawyers are Delighted to Honour British Prime Minister".

I was only in the same room with him twice and we weren't even introduced, so it seems a little vulgar to talk about how personally diminished I feel by the death of T.E. Uley. He helped me last autumn, on the strength of a telephone call from a fellow journalist, when I was to appear on the BBC's television show *Question Time*. I asked him about a number of matters concerning Northern Ireland and he answered every question with immense patience. It was more than a matter of vanity that I was later disappointed by finding myself unable to do justice to his eloquence and logic. Smaller minds squirrel away every thought in case someone should steal it. Uley had a generosity of spirit that spoke to both his own confidence and his overwhelming interest in arriving at truthful conclusions. I have not met his kind very often and never met his equal.

If, as I suspect, there are those who believe that Peter Wright, the former spy who has become a millionaire thanks to a worldwide publicity exercise inspired by the Prime Minister, is a hero of the freedom-of-information lobby, let me disabuse them. Together with the Civil Service drafters, Peter Wright will be effectively the co-author of the White Paper on Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act to be published this week, and we await it with deep foreboding.

Whenever she has been pressed to reform Section 2, the Prime Minister has replied that she tried in 1979 but that it proved impossible to produce an alternative that was broadly acceptable. In fact, there were reforms that were broadly acceptable, but they were not acceptable to her.

*Spycatcher* has had two effects. It has so infuriated Mrs Thatcher that, despite the rebuff from 100 rebel backbenchers over the Shepherd Bill, she is now determined to demand her own revision of Section 2. And she no doubt hopes that *Spycatcher* represents sufficient justification for further restrictive legislation to silence the majority of her backbenchers and at least divide the media, if not win broad approval for her ideas. That is Peter Wright's achievement. The Home Sec-

Des Wilson weighs up Peter Wright's unintentional achievement

## Trapped in tighter secrecy

retary, Mr Hunt, may not be looking forward to the reception of his White Paper this week, but his presentation is sadly predictable. It will run like this:

"We will withdraw from the protection of the criminal law a vast quantity of official information. The main criticism of Section 2 is of its catch-all nature. We accept this is no longer tolerable and we have reduced the categories covered by the criminal law to the minimum necessary to protect the safety and security of the nation. This spells the end of indiscriminate secrecy. It is a major advance towards open government."

This positive news will, it is no doubt hoped, be cheered to the echo. Then will come the bad news.

"Of course, even freedom-of-information campaigners acknowledge that some information needs to be controlled because it is crucial to public safety and national security. If it should be controlled, then it should be

controlled effectively. There have been too many leaks, and there has been too little respect for the importance of confidentiality in these areas. Thus, just as we are opening up that information people are entitled to, so we must act more vigorously to protect genuine secrets."

So in apparently opening up the system, the Home Secretary will at the same time double the locks.

There will be no suggestion of a public interest defence. Civil servants will not only be forced to be silent, but probably to be silent for life, whatever the circumstances. If someone feels it necessary to speak out to prevent crime or draw attention to malpractice, negligence, abuse of authority or danger to public safety, he or she could face prison.

There will be no defence of prior publication. If there is any point to official secrets legislation, it is to stop information being revealed, not to stop

information already disclosed being repeated.

The White Paper will enable repeat performances of the *Spycatcher* farce, with the British people being humiliated by being unable to read what is freely available everywhere else in the world.

And there will be the retention of the worst feature of Section 2 — its catch-all nature — as far as security and intelligence information is concerned. The disclosure of any information on these subjects will remain an offence, no matter how trivial. The Franks Report recommended that this information should be subject to a "serious injury test". Mrs Thatcher will simply not buy it.

Finally, ministers will remain judge and jury in their own case, the sole decision-makers as to whether information can be published or not. All of this will be surrounded by emphasis on what the Home Secretary will claim is positive reform — a dramatic reduction in the

information covered by a new law.

But this cloud cover for a potentially draconian new secrecy law is an illusion. Even if Section 2 was repealed lock, stock and barrel, and not replaced, there would still be no automatic right to information; there would still be more than a hundred other statutes making the disclosure of information by civil servants or others a criminal offence. In addition to the legislation, there will be civil service rules and a civil service classification system. The possibility of disciplinary procedures or dismissal will remain.

As the experience of other countries has shown, the only way that the system will ever be properly opened up — that civil servants will be free with information that is the property of the public — is if there is positive freedom-of-information legislation; a statutory right to know.

This is the quid pro quo that the freedom-of-information lobby

by in Britain has been open to that provided a consensus can be established on what should be secret, there would be even tougher protection of information which, in the national interest, should remain secret. Conversely, there would be a genuine right to know in other areas.

We should not be misled by the presentation of the White Paper; it will not advance open government. But it will create the circumstances in which the secretive can be even more effective.

It is not only Peter Wright who has helped Mrs Thatcher, Richard Shepherd has, too. While we admire his idealism and integrity, he refused to accept our advice that — by introducing a Private Member's Bill to repeal Section 2 — he would inevitably force the Prime Minister to introduce her own measure.

We have always taken the view that Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act should be repealed only in the context of the introduction of a Freedom of Information Act. Instead, we now have the worst of all worlds. The White Paper, I confidently predict, will be yet another blow at the ever-diminishing quality of our democracy.

The author is co-chairman of the Campaign for Freedom of Information.

Mary Dejevsky

## In Khrushchev's footsteps?

The special national communist party conference announced by Mikhail Gorbachev two years ago opens today in Moscow amid the greatest political turmoil the country has experienced for decades, possibly since the earliest years of Bolshevik rule.

Occasionally the turmoil spills out on to the streets in protest demonstrations staged by the new informal groups. This week-end the authorities permitted a demonstration on the outskirts of Moscow calling for a monument to the victims of Stalin's purges.

They even provided the venue: a sports stadium. And one of the speakers was Dr Sakharov, who only two years ago was in internal exile in Gorky for advocating views similar to those now aired regularly in the communist press.

Let the past be forgotten — or the temporary ban on demonstrations in the city centre ignored with impunity — the police broke up another, unauthorized, demonstration by younger, more belligerent protesters. There were placards demanding an end to the "serf" system of internal passports, there were calls for an end to the monopoly of the Communist party and for press freedom.

On the sidelines stood earnest and angry young men arguing the finer points of Soviet history: the merits of Trotsky, the equivalence between Hitler and Stalin. In the crowd were more happy, relaxed and purposeful young faces than are usually to be seen in a country where people more commonly walk with bowed expressions and eyes cast down.

It is worth stopping to reflect for a moment. Dr Sakharov, the same man whose shuffling figure in a Gorky hospital became known to millions in the West through KGB videos, was standing — free — in a Moscow stadium calling publicly for a monument to Stalin's victims. Young people, who have grown up in a country where the party determines (and flouts) the law, where their future is dictated by

others, and who have been taught that each episode in history is the inevitable product of economic circumstances, have been protesting against the only authority they have ever known and have spoken out loud words their parents and grandparents would barely whisper.

Yes, the demonstration was broken up — though by uniformed police and not by KGB thugs. And, to be sure, Dr Sakharov's meeting was not advertised in the official press. But a shadow of a question takes shape. Was this how the revolutions of 1905 and 1917 began? Would we recognize a revolution in the making, even if we were witnesses? There is a sense of urgency about the talking going on in Moscow today. Everyone seems to have something to get off their chests: a confession to make, if only as insurance against a different future, a personal opinion to record in case there is no further opportunity. It is as though people are trying to use up every minute of sunlight in case the half-opened shutters close again.

The 19th national party conference is the event which, some hope and others fear, could close the shutters or open them a little wider. The description — national conference — recalls (as it was doubtless meant to) the early days of the Russian Communist Party. That is, before it split into bolsheviks and mensheviks, when it was still a revolutionary movement and when discussion was free. The first seven "conferences" took place before the revolution, all but one outside Russia. Most of the others were held in the first decade of bolshevik rule, when policies could still be openly challenged.

Only the three most recent conferences were overshadowed by Stalin. But to each there was an element of crisis. The last conference, in 1941, was to discuss improvements in Soviet industry and transport in face of the threat from Nazi Germany.

This may have been the last time that any discussion of economic matters took place

without the encumbrance of ideology. It was the survival of the state that was at risk. Now, 47 years later, there are Soviet economists prepared to talk of a new crisis.

Even Mr Gorbachev has spoken of a "pre-crisis situation". But the last party conference, held in the wake of Stalin's great purges, was not accompanied by the open questioning and searching that is in progress now. If there is any parallel to the intellectual ferment of today in the Soviet period, it is in the early Khrushchev years, when the first attempt was made to dispel the myth that had sustained Soviet communism for more than 30 years.

Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin, which remained unpublished, divided the beneficiaries of Stalin from his victims. It forced people to make a

choice. But the purges were too recent, the openness too limited and the freedom too arbitrary for full advantage to be taken. Lurking in the background was always the suspicion that Khrushchev's prime concern was to discredit his enemies and strengthen his power.

Yet many of the political and economic problems he was addressing, as the legacy of Stalinism, were the very same problems now confronting Mr Gorbachev in a more acute form. He was caught between the desire to raise living standards — indeed, the political necessity of doing so — and the established (and ideologically sanctioned) primacy of heavy industry and the defence sector. Any commitment he made to expand the consumer sector at the expense of the "metal-eaters", had rapidly to be redressed. Mr

Gorbachev has been careful to match his appeals for more consumer goods and services to visits to enterprises where heavy industry reigns. But the problem has not been solved.

Like Khrushchev, Gorbachev faces the need to free industry and agriculture from the dogmatic interventions of party officials. If enterprises are to become truly self-financing and self-managing, full-time party officials have no role. Where Khrushchev may have seen local officials as agents of Stalinism, Gorbachev needs the dynamism they hinder to foster economic progress and he needs the manpower they represent (the number of bureaucrats has more than tripled, to 17 million in the population of 230 million in the past ten years) to staff a new services sector.

The root problem is the same:



party officials are duplicating the work done by others. But the very same officials have a voice, and a powerful one, at the centre of power. They also have security. Gorbachev, like Khrushchev, is trying to make their jobs less secure and their privileges fewer. The ambiguity in those motions before the party conference which deal with party personnel suggest he has been largely unsuccessful.

In foreign policy, too, Mr Gorbachev has to proceed as carefully as Mr Khrushchev did not. So far, with the withdrawal from Afghanistan, the regular superpower talks on regional issues and the concessions made to secure the INF agreement, he has shown himself the opposite of Khrushchev the adventurer. But concessions — or moves which can be interpreted as concessions — can also send signals of weakness. They can be just as politically dangerous as the opposite.

As yet, Gorbachev has been careful not to take any aspect of his reform programme so fast that he makes too many enemies. As a result, his position is probably less at risk than his policies.

In contemplating the fate of Khrushchev, ousted unceremoniously at a hastily announced central committee meeting, he can take comfort from his record of power. He has shown himself to be above all a tactician: he has made compromises and alliances to remain in office. He has, perhaps because he has no choice, been a consensus politician. As the removal of Boris Yeltsin showed, anyone who steps too far ahead or lags too far behind will be sacrificed.

But he needs to beware. In the approach to the central committee meeting which toppled Khrushchev, speculation is said to have been rife that he was about to make comprehensive changes in the composition of the Communist Party and in its method of working.

Similar rumours are being passed on in Moscow today. In 1963, the opposition was galvanized into action, and it was Khrushchev who fell.

Commentary • HUGH MONTEFIORE

## Private lines, public loss

The British have a love-hate affair with their trains. They complain bitterly about overcrowding or unpunctuality; but their love has survived even the disappearance of steam. They get very angry indeed about rail closures. Beeching is still a boo word.

There are unsentimental reasons for this loyalty. Only 62 per cent of the population has access to a car. Coaches — deregulated, privatized coaches — may be cheaper, but they are not so convenient for long distance or intermediate journeys. Trains are the most energy efficient form of inter-city or cross-country transport for people or goods. Environmentally they are preferable to major roads and motorways. Above all, railways are remarkably safe.

People who speak up for railways are assumed to be against motor vehicles. But it would be foolish to deny the indispensability and convenience of road transport, whether cars or lorries. We live, however, in a densely populated land, and there never will be sufficient room for all our vehicles on the roads. With a tenfold increase in traffic, the average vehicle speed in congested areas has been constant for fifty years.

The best way of speeding up vehicle traffic is not by building more and more roads (as the Government seems to have in mind) but by improving public transport, because that would attract drivers away from the roads. Such logic, however, car-

ries little weight with the Department of Transport, most of whose civil servants have a vested interest in roads.

According to the Auditor General heavy lorries do not even pay their full share of road costs, yet British Rail has to finance all its own track.

British Rail has begun its largest ever investment programme. The Eurotunnel promises a new deal for rail with freight and passengers reaching the continent quicker than some parts of this country. Passenger traffic grew by 13 per cent in 1986 in most metropolitan areas, but the annual subsidy by 1991 will be only two thirds that of 1983.

The spectacular Settle-Carlisle line was thought to have been saved; but it was recently announced that Mr Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, was "minded to close it" — unless a private operator came forward — because British Rail was not suited to tourist promotion.

Private railways in Britain are successful only because people are prepared to pay large fares for short trips managed largely by volunteers. Now all 15 of the longer tourist routes are under threat of closure. The Central Wales line next?

As for privatizing British Rail — what reasons could there be other than ideological dogmatism? Privatization aims to increase competition, but there could be no more competition within the railway network after privatization than before. How could privatized railways show a

profit when subsidies are needed? Of course there is some scope for greater efficiency, but the present government has set a profit target of only 2.7 per cent for InterCity, the most profitable division. After privatization we would have to resign ourselves to the higher fares and falling standards which existed 40 years ago when the railways were first nationalized and to asset-stripping of valuable properties like city centre stations, as some privatized bus companies have done.

Perhaps it is hoped to cripple trade union power by privatization. But the NUR's recent campaign to make rail management more efficient surely deserves praise rather than censure.

This country gets its railways on the cheap. The British subsidy per track mile is the smallest in Europe, less than half that paid by almost all other European governments. Elsewhere in Europe railways are nationalized. In the United States privately owned railways make too small a profit for adequate investment and shrink by about 1,000 miles a year — while the nationalized "Amtrak" gets a 40 per cent federal subsidy.

If, despite all this, British Rail were privatized we would have a huge monopoly accountable to no one; worse than British Telecom. It would be greater folly to privatize the track separately from the trains: they belong intimately together. If railways were privatized by regions or routes, integrated time-

tables and inter-company tickets would be unlikely and information about other company's trains would be as difficult to find as it now is with buses. It could signal the end of railway freight: many more monster lorries would clog our roads.

But is the Government likely to succeed in privatizing British Rail? Other nationalized bodies have offered investors the near certainty of good profits. No one will want to put money into railways without vast expenditure by the Government to make it an attractive investment. Perhaps the best that could happen would be to free British Rail from some of its present constraints.

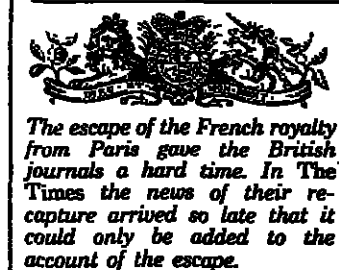
In the uncertainty about its future caused by threat of privatization, British Rail is likely to falter over the bold moves now needed, such as continued investment on the East Coast route, a new line to London from the Eurotunnel, and through freight trains from provincial centres to the continent.

After British Rail, what is left, apart from British Coal?

There remains the jewel in the crown, the wealthiest of the lot, nationalized since the days of Henry VIII — the Church of England. But the Prime Minister could not appoint its chief officers, which perhaps explains why Mr Benn has introduced a Bill to privatize the Established Church.

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The escape of the French royal family from Paris gave the British journals a hard time. In *The Times* the news of their recapture arrived so late that it could only be added to the account of the escape.

THE ESCAPE AND RECAPTURE OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF FRANCE

(Continued from the paper of yesterday.)

Having investigated the truth of this important event, as detailed in our paper of yesterday, we are happy to say that every circumstance contained in it is confirmed by the letters received yesterday from France. The general information related in this paper affords a striking contrast to the jumble of nonsensical absurdities, which appeared in several other daily prints; one of which stated that the King and Queen of France were returned to Paris and safely lodged in the Tuilleries; a circumstance impossible from the nature of things (*Morning Post*); — that M. de Bouille met the Royal Family at Varennes, and attempted to rescue them, but his troops laid down their arms (*Oracle*); — that the National Assembly has assumed the government of France and DEPOSED THE KING (*World*). ... The most important matter which is since come to our knowledge ... is the return of the KING and ROYAL FAMILY to Chalons, forty miles distant from Varennes, to which place they were conducted on their way

back to Paris, in order to prevent the possibility of a rescue of M. DE BOUILLE, who, we again learn, is fled into the Luxembourg country, for fear of being arrested. The ROYAL FAMILY were to stay at Chalons until the arrival of the three Deputies of the National Assembly there, who are to conduct them to Paris.

The capture of the Royal Family was quite a matter of chance, and perhaps had they wished to avoid, viz. Verdun, a considerable post-town, lying in the high road to Metz; they had fortunately escaped out of the kingdom. But, fearing to be recognised at this place, they took the cross-road to Varennes, meaning to escape as fast as possible into the Luxembourg Country. They were first recognised at St. Meneshoult, and a messenger being dispatched from thence to Varennes, he arrived there two hours before the Royal Family, and by that time the guard was together, who surrounded the King's coach as it entered the town.

The manner of the Royal escape from the Tuilleries is variously reported: some say that it was through a subterranean passage; and that the guard kept it, was strangled, others say that it was by means of a rope ladder from a window; but neither of these conjectures appear well founded. It is most probable that it was through a narrow passage in one of the pavilions ... The carriages took up the Royal Family to the Port Maillois; they consisted of a berlin drawn by six horses, and two diligences. The postillions who drove the Royal Family from Paris say that in the berlin were two women, and two children, and in one of the chaises two men of a swarthy complexion.

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## THE SHRINKING FLEET

The Government is bracing itself for a broadside today from the Commons Defence Committee. MPs are concerned about the impact of budgetary cuts upon the Navy and, despite an imminent order for three or four frigates, the Ministry of Defence will find it hard to escape unscathed. On the size of the surface fleet, its position is vulnerable.

Concern over the Royal Navy has a long history. Prince Albert wrote anxious memoranda about it in the mid-19th century after the neglect following the Napoleonic Wars. While its unique role in the defence of the realm has declined in an age of air power and long-range missiles, it is still the largest in Western Europe and the third most powerful maritime force in the world.

How long it will remain so is debatable. For some time, the surface fleet of frigates and destroyers has been kept at "about 50" — the imprecision allowing for temporary ups and downs. But to maintain that figure, the ministry has to order approximately three new surface escorts a year. Even assuming that the expected order for four new Type-23 frigates materializes in the very near future, the annual building rate for the last decade stands at only 1.6.

The ministry's counter to this is that a lower construction rate is now acceptable because the working life of warships is being extended. By carrying out an additional re-fit on older vessels, the life of a hull can be stretched from about 18 to 22 years. If the present rate of building is not improved upon, however, the lifetime of a frigate or destroyer would have to be extended to 31 years to maintain the "about 50" guarantee.

Mr Ian Stewart, the junior defence minister, disclosed in the Commons four months ago that 11 frigates and destroyers are already more than 20 years old. In fact the total number of RN vessels which had, so to speak, reached their majority, was around 50.

Moreover, the useful sea-life of a warship is determined to a large extent by its weapons. By no means all naval escorts are well enough

armed. The Navy has always suffered in stringent times because of the high cost of each individual warship and the temptation to save money by postponing orders. But the current decline has been matched by reductions in manpower. According to one calculation, naval strength has gone down by 10 per cent during the last five years, compared with a fall of only 0.04 per cent in the Army and a rise of four per cent in the RAF.

The 1981 defence review conducted by Sir John Nott, proposed a series of severe Royal Navy economies — a fate from which the fleet was temporarily saved by the Falklands War.

The conclusion to which many have been drawn by the present trend is that the ministry has returned to its 1981 objectives and that, while rejecting the option of a further defence review, the Government is trying to achieve the same ends by stealth. Whether the Navy is shrinking by accident or design, the effect is likely to be similar in the absence of swift remedial action.

A senior civil servant told the committee earlier this year that even if the Navy had 60 frigates and destroyers, it would be stretched to perform all the tasks expected of it. To maintain the Armilla patrol in the Gulf, for instance, requires six ships — an unfortunate but clearly necessary commitment.

The biggest loss from any permanent cutback in Royal Navy strength would be to Nato. More than 70 per cent of allied strength in the Eastern Atlantic and Channel is provided by Britain. As the only large blue-water navy on this side of the Atlantic (aside from the French who remain outside Nato's military command structure) the British maritime contribution in and out of the Nato area, is unique.

Nato and the Warsaw Pact are moving towards negotiations on conventional arms cuts on the continent. For the Government to run down the Navy in advance of these, particularly at a time when the dockyards and the Merchant Navy are in decline, is unwise — and the rumblings of concern from Westminster justified.

## TIME FOR TIGHTER MONEY

The Chancellor's so-called "dilemma" over the exchange rate — whether to maintain stability or risk a sharp increase by trying to curb inflation through higher interest rates — became distinctly less pressing yesterday with the announcement of the May trade figures. The deficit of £1.21 billion on current account was the largest ever recorded in a single month and spectacularly larger than the markets expected.

With sterling more than 2 cents lower against the dollar and 4 pence down against the mark the risk of too strong a pound begins to seem less of a problem. The right response is clear and will surely not be long in coming: interest rates will have to go up again.

Money markets are already discounting a rise of 1 per cent to 10 per cent. This would trigger an increase in mortgage rates which will help a little to cool the housing market and reduce the pace of consumer spending. Less desirably, it may also discourage some investment by companies.

There is little doubt that some action to try and reduce the level of demand and boost savings is needed. The familiar Government response to the deterioration in the trade figures is beginning to wear thin.

This time last year it was true that domestic demand in Britain was growing much faster than in our major trading partners and that this was tending to boost UK imports. A year later, however, economies everywhere are growing much faster than expected. Demand may still be growing faster in Britain, but, rather than helping to pull the world back from recession, the British locomotive is now threatening to career out of control.

Mr Lawson has already conceded that the deficit is going to turn out higher than his Budget forecast of £4 billion. By how much is difficult to say. The figures, particularly for invisible trade in services, are woefully

unreliable. But the direction of change is clear. If the deficit were to turn out, say, at £10 billion or more, as figures for the first five months would indicate, then as a percentage of national income it would no longer be so different from the problem faced by the US.

Although the smaller scale would make this much less of a problem for the world, it could not be tolerated for long by Britain in spite of the present high level of reserves. It would put too much strain on market confidence.

In one important respect the UK's position is much stronger than that of the US. Whereas the US has a large budget deficit Britain has a budget surplus. Many who welcomed the Budget at the time are now saying that the fiscal policy set by the Chancellor was too lax. This is a curious criticism to make of a country with the unique achievement among the major industrial countries of a Budget surplus.

The only sense in which it carries weight is when taken in conjunction with the present low level of savings in Britain. Figures published yesterday again underlined the rapid growth in personal incomes as pay settlements gather pace and the small proportion of this income which the wage earner is choosing to save.

In Italy a large budget deficit does less economic damage than might be expected because of the high level of savings by private individuals. By contrast a feckless private sector needs to be counter-balanced by stern rectitude in the public sector — even sterner perhaps than the very large surplus emerging in Britain's public accounts in the current year.

One month's figures, as the old Whitehall saying has it, do not a trend make. There are, indeed, signs that the May figures are erratically bad. However, the economy now clearly requires a further tightening of monetary policy even if this involves a later rise in the pound.

## A BRIDGE OF VOUCHERS

In a society increasingly dependent on the accumulation and transmission of advanced knowledge there ought to be a community of interest between academics and those who dispense public resources for higher education. Instead the atmosphere is sour.

The Government's motives towards the universities have been strongly endorsed, not just by the public at large but by many within academe itself. Like ministers, they have felt that the universities needed to be pushed into better management of their large public endowment and to align themselves more closely with contemporary economic thinking and society.

Academics, however, have looked at the new Universities Funding Council, the various reviews by the scientific research councils, and listened to junior ministers' portentous speeches. They feel a heavy hand is bearing down on them and that the day is not far off when civil servants and politicians will dictate the course of scholarship and science.

Even within Number Ten itself — if the nods and winks being vigorously transmitted by Professor Brian Griffiths are any guide — there is dismay at the course that recent policy has taken. Instead of freeing the universities from the "dependency culture", they are ever more closely bound into bureaucratic supervision. It will not be easy to change track away from the cul-de-sac in which higher education policy is stuck. But it will be helped by the recent acknowledgement within academe itself that an alternative has to be found.

Students have always had a choice about where to study — but the colleges they choose do not benefit from being in high demand or suffer if they are not. The University Grants Committee decides how many students each institution should be allowed to recruit. Now the London School of Economics has come up

with a pregnant suggestion. On the right, Mr John Barnes, a Conservative in politics; on the other Mr Nicholas Barr, an economist whose previous work on welfare indicates an opposing outlook.

They have been able to agree — in a paper in last week's *Times Higher Education Supplement* — on the elements of a scheme for revolutionizing the finance of higher education by linking public money much more closely to the choices made by intending students among institutions. The suggestion of modified "vouchers" for students is not new but it is now emerging as a cogent alternative to the Government's way.

Vouchers (the academics prefer to call it a scheme for decentralizing higher education) are not a panacea for hard choices about the total amount of money to be put into the finance of university education nor the balance to be struck between public purposes and individual choice. Vouchers will not save the pain of institutions which are forced to close departments and they could produce a set of subject choices which MPs might not like.

None the less here is a scheme around which academics are beginning to gather, and one which philosophically should be very attractive to the Government. It combines the principle of public support for higher education (allied, perhaps, with a loans scheme for student maintenance and provision through the research councils for specialist research) with a wide degree of popular decision making. As academics increasingly put it, they would rather live with the bad decision of a few students on their courses than with the bad decisions of a bureaucratic or ministerial. Student vouchers might, just, be a recipe for repairing a bridge between politicians and academics which should never have got into its present broken state.

## Church's role in urban projects

From the Chancellor of Leicester Cathedral  
Sir, If Digby Anderson ("A job for the vicar", June 22) were right and the Church of England Urban Fund were to be a means whereby "people who live in plush areas" would be enabled to dream up and fund projects which they judged to be right for people living in places like "downtown areas in Hull", then he would have every reason for his "little enthusiasm for it".

In Leicester, I observe that it is in fact the parish priests of urban priority areas who, together with the church council, identify their own objectives and seek financial help towards achieving them. Nobody thrusts a project upon them. They live there and they decide their own priorities.

This is exactly the sort of support that I believe encourages independence and self-reliance. It is in tune with the philosophy of Mrs Thatcher's Government. It is not crumbs from the rich man's table. It is the sort of support that makes a project for which an urban priority parish is already planning and raising money more attainable. It is lending a hand.

The Church Urban Fund should be wholeheartedly supported. Yours faithfully,  
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Chancellor's House,  
3 Morland Avenue, Leicester.

From Mr Kevin E. Thomas  
Sir, Digby Anderson is correct in his assertion that the Church of England's pastoral practices must be tailored to individual need. The first rule of effective pastoral work is to meet the individual in her or his personal situation, and to avoid any depersonalising categorisation.

However, to suggest that the understanding of social problems by means of class analysis is proper only to Marxism is clearly fallacious. Christianity, and Judaism, were properly and successfully engaging in class analysis of various kinds long before Marx. The condemnation of injustice against the poor in first Isaiah and

in Amos, the Mosaic law's categories of "the widow and orphan" and the "foreigner in your midst", and the consistent New Testament theme of what we now call the preferential option for the poor, are all foundational examples of such analysis.

To be consistent with scripture and tradition the urban policy of the Church of England (of which, incidentally, I am not a member) should pursue both individual cases of deprivation and the social structures and categories with which they may be related. The absence of either approach would be just as inappropriate for Christianity as any adherence to Marxism, or capitalism.

Yours sincerely,  
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June 23.

From the Rev Father M. H. Bryant  
Sir, Your contributor, Digby Anderson, is quite right. Inner-city parishes need more priests, not more projects, because inner-city parishes are not personal spiritual care. The few priests who work these parishes, usually single-handed, simply cannot provide all the care we are asked for.

To increase the number of priests, assuming they could be found, would certainly help to restore the quality of life. But an increase of priests is only part of the solution. Some priests in this inner-city deanery recently confided in their colleagues that the administrative burden of their parishes are threatening their marriages and their sanity.

We simply cannot work every hour of every day, and half the night, too. I suggest that we do spend half the Church Urban Fund on more priests, and the other half on providing qualified parish administrators who are not in holy orders.

Yours etc,  
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## A way with hooligans

From Dr Jonathan Shepherd  
Sir, Conor Cruise O'Brien unapologetically advocates (article, June 21) legalised football hooliganism under carefully-controlled conditions. Please could this take place during the working week?

My house surgeon at the Bristol Royal Infirmary was called out three times last Saturday night and twice on Sunday night to treat young males who had been assaulted. As a result, between 8 a.m. on Saturday and 10.30 p.m. on Monday, she only managed five hours' sleep. Last year 600 victims attended our casualty department, mostly between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. on weekends.

Not only, of course, does "job" violence cause sleepless nights and long queues in casualty departments: the physical and psychological effects of injury are often permanent. Like their Roman predecessors, modern urban gladiators carry the marks of battle for life. Ragged beer-glass scars, missing teeth, dead areas of lip and limited mouth-opening are common afflictions. A single blow from fist, boot, or head can break a jaw and often necessitates prolonged and debilitating treatment.

The proportion of all football fans who are "looking for a scrap" is clearly quite small. A cynical attitude towards most victims of hooliganism is thus unfounded, even though they are young macho males. Photographs from the Heysel Stadium disaster testify to their vulnerability. Many of my patients are still anxious and depressed six months after injury and never return to the scene.

By all means let the gladiators fight it out, but only after compulsory sleepless attendance at an inner-city casualty department for a weekend. The random stench of drying blood, beer, and saliva and the inhumanity of intoxication will surely dissuade most.

Yours truly,  
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From Mr Clive Saffery  
Sir, Recent events in Germany have attracted even more hysteria than usual and at times the gangs of reporters have been larger than the gangs of hooligans. The German press has been much more balanced and has given wide coverage to the comments by the heads of police in both Stuttgart and Dusseldorf that organised gangs of German hooligans have been to blame.

It would of course be absurd to deny that a hooligan element exists within the travelling support of England, but it is important to note that this element is highly visible and easily recognisable. It is largely associated

with certain London clubs and largely connected to the National Front. Since the outer core is so apparent, the first priority must be to attack it firmly and thoroughly.

The short-term problem is that whenever England or English teams appear in Europe, their supporters will be targets for local hooligans: this strengthens the argument not to accept tickets for future fixtures. Long term, however, I believe the answer lies in encouraging more people to travel, not fewer.

The fundamental difference between the support of England and the other teams at these championships is that most other teams have a significantly larger number of older supporters, many with families. These act as a calming influence on those otherwise easily led.

We simply cannot afford to let the thugs take over the support of our national side. To achieve this we need some of the organisation that the Danes and the Irish have mastered — well-planned trips, good-quality accommodation, and where possible, staying out of the city where the game is to be played until the last minute.

It also seems a matter of political expedience to link the behaviour of supporters with the application to readmit English clubs to Europe. Manchester United and Luton have impeccable records over recent years with local police authorities; both have implemented membership schemes (although of different character) and, in United's case, refused to take tickets for away games in Europe. What else can these clubs do?

The answer is that the problem is very specific and related to very specific clubs. It is against these that the fullest retribution should be directed. Yours faithfully,  
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From Mrs N. Henderson  
Sir, When was in Canada many years ago the sale of alcohol was controlled by issuing "liquor licences" and drink could not be purchased without one. Is it not possible to apply this method in our own country? People over 18 years of age could apply for a licence, which would be confiscated for offences connected with drunkenness — particularly drink-driving and hooliganism.

I believe the administrative costs and difficulties would be far outweighed by the benefits of controlling under-age drinking and curbing alcohol abuse. Yours faithfully,  
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June 22.

crowd-control technique and financial expertise were cast aside and undisciplined excesses, of a kind not seen again until sweet rationing ended some years later, were attempted at the milk crate.

Whilst I wish Miss Watson every success in her flower-watering, second-career opportunity, her father should be aware that the traumatic scars of infantile redundancy may persist in spite of redeployment which, for me, was to a job-share post of plimsoll-locker attendant. Yours sincerely,  
JUDITH R. ODDY,  
51 Christchurch Avenue, N12.

## Making the best out of tourism

From Mr Illyd Harrington  
Sir, As an ex-board member of the British Tourist Authority, I read with what is left of my bemused cynicism the outburst of Sir Alfred Sherman (article, June 20) against tourism in London. It is quite extraordinary that a former chief policy adviser to the Prime Minister can sound like one of the more xenophobic characters of Trollope or a choleric one from Thackeray.

To be incommoded, jostled off the pavement, unable to get into the theatre by the new golden horde may be bitter bread for Sir Alfred to eat in Earl's Court — a ward he represented for six years. It rings the bell, however, in most establishments there.

Is he, an apostle of our market-place economy, able to square his distress at presumably foreign visitors to London with the borders of Brits who will flood Earl's Court for the Royal Tournament in the next few weeks? They will all spend about £25 a head in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

It is an arrogance worthy of someone like Sir Alfred to wash away the astonishing and proven net financial return to the UK of tourism and other associated "invisibles". British carriers and the vigorous catering industries deserve a little better than the bile of the Knight of Earl's Court.

Yours faithfully,  
ILLYD HARRINGTON,  
6 Lea House,  
Salisbury Street, NW8.  
June 22.

From Professor Keith Hartley and Mr Nick Hooper  
Sir, We are engaged in a joint programme for tourism policy research for the EEC and we welcome Sir Alfred Sherman's appeal for an "objective inquiry into the costs and benefits of mass tourism". However, we need to be much more careful about the logical and factual basis of the argument if we are to avoid "falling into a tourist trap".

Economics suggest that all users of congested London, and indeed all polluters of the environment, should be subject to a tax on grounds of their social costs. Sir Alfred presents no convincing case for distinguishing "tourists" from other users of London. Supporters of market forces cannot be selective in their application of market principles; nor can they ignore the fact that Government intervention through cost-benefit studies

and regulation will be influenced by vested-interest groups and are likely to fail.

Non-tourist activities also generate demands for imports, housing, hotels and other buildings. Why not view tourism like any other economic activity which has employment, balance-of-payments, and environmental implications and which satisfies consumer demands? Questions then arise about the magnitude of the costs and benefits. Here, Sir Alfred has a selective interpretation of the facts.

Admittedly, there are difficulties with data on tourism. Many of the activities may be tourism in one context and not in another (e.g., a businessman visiting a city centre to attend a meeting, followed by a visit to a museum).

Simple estimates of employment do indeed include all tourism-related industries. More sophisticated estimates make allowance for the proportion of jobs actually supported by tourism income. A million and a half jobs in tourism — the figure which Sir Alfred quotes — is in the middle of such estimates.

There is no hard evidence on immigrant workers in tourism or that jobs in tourism are not sought by British workers. Our studies are only now being undertaken to provide the necessary information.

Compared with public expenditure on industry and agriculture, tourism in the UK receives a modest sum, particularly if EEC support is included. Present evidence suggests the cost per new job created in terms of capital required and grant aid is lower in tourism than in other sectors of industry.

Nor is it the case that few tourists find much of interest outside London. Nearly 80 per cent of all visits to tourist attractions and over 40 per cent of overnight stays by foreign visitors are made outside London.

A number of towns and cities in Yorkshire and the North are sufficiently convinced of the benefits of tourism to be willing to receive London's unwelcome visitors.

Yours etc,  
KEITH HARTLEY,  
N. HOOPER,  
University of York,  
Institute of Social and Economic Research,  
Heslington, York.  
June 21.

In this country there has been free contraception and sex education since 1974. There are nothing like the social and economic problems that face pregnant Russian women. Instead, there is a flourishing abortion industry. But the anguish of abortion remains the same, whether done in primitive conditions in the Soviet Union or in State-licensed abortion clinics and NHS hospitals here.

Yours sincerely,  
NUALA SCARISBRICK,  
(Honorary Administrator),  
Life,  
National Headquarters,  
118-120 Warwick Street,  
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.  
June 21.

## Soviet abortions

From Mrs N. A. Scarisbrick

Sir, It's interesting that the Russian Health Minister spoke of the "anguish" of abortion and that your headline (June 20) used "chilling" to describe the high Russian abortion rate. Will it console the Russians to know that in the rest of the "civilized" world the abortion rate soars every year and that in no country have liberal abortion laws been curbed?

In England and Wales in 1987 there were 174,276 abortions, an increase of 1,990 over 1986. The increase was marked in women of 20-29 years and over 17 weeks pregnant.

## Arab-Israel conflict

From Councillor S. Rayment

Sir, Mr Moonman's letter (June 23) is correct in one respect, that the Arab-Israel problem in the Middle East is not just a matter of Palestinians and Israelis. However, he neglects the fact that the resolution of the Palestinian problem will go a long way towards settling the wider Arab-Israeli problem.

Having spoken at length with Jordanian ministers on this subject, I do not doubt their good intentions, but my recent visit as a member of the Liberal Palestine Group delegation to the occupied

territories and Jordan, immediately before the *Intifada* (uprising), convinced me that in the final analysis the Palestinians stand alone.

When challenging my taxi-driver on what the Palestinians wanted, he spoke with moving simplicity: "My country, my flag, my passport." Whatever solution the Palestinians pick, be it confederation with Jordan and/or Israel, or whatever, it must be of their own choosing.

I believe that to the majority of Palestinians it is clear that only the PLO has the moral claim to speak for them and make the sacrifices that would be necessary if peace is to be achieved.

Yours sincerely,  
STEWART RAYMENT,  
London Borough of Tower Hamlets,  
Town Hall, Patriot Square, E2.  
June 23.

## Skulduggery

From Dr G. S. P. Freeman-Grenville

Sir, Pace Dr Anthony Clayton (June 18), when I was serving in the then Tanganyika in 1954, was told by Masov von Prince, the son of Tom von Prince, the German district commissioner at Iringa who had led the force against Sultan Mkwawa in 1898, that it was a complete myth that his father had had the Sultan decapitated after his suicide on the field of battle and had had his skull sent to Germany.

He had, however, been requested to provide some skulls for scientific study, and so had sent some miscellaneous ones of unidentified persons who had died in battle near Kalenga.

Yours etc,  
G. S. P. FREEMAN-GRENVILLE,  
North View House,  
Sheriff Hutton, York.  
June 20.

## Uneasy on the ear

From Mr David Thornton

Sir, Mr Lockhart (June 16) should consider himself fortunate that when in shops and public houses he can actually hear someone commenting "Earwig O". In my experience hearing what anyone says in shops, restaurants and public houses is today an impossibility. Any semblance of conversation is drowned by raucous piped music that permeates every room in these establishments.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID THORNTON,  
11 Blue Hill Lane,  
Leeds, West Yorkshire.  
June 16.

## Getting it right

From Commander G. Peters, RN  
Sir, In the past 11 months my wife and I have sent five wedding presents to nieces, nephews, or the children of friends.

Of the five, three have written thanking us for the present "you sent to — and I"; one for the present "to — and me"; and one evoked no response by way of courtesy. Yours etc,  
GORDON PETERS,  
2 Audley Court,  
32/34 Hill Street, W1.  
June 21.











## THE ARTS

John Russell Taylor on an exhibition of work from the final 20 years of Pablo Picasso's life

## Late joys and bin ends



Resentful defiance? "Woman with a Pillow", 1969 oil on canvas, by Pablo Picasso

For the last few years, word has been out and about that the products of Picasso's last two decades, often looked at askance at the time, have been drastically underestimated. A sampling included in a *New Spirit in Painting* at the Royal Academy suggested that there might be something in this: certainly the energy which radiated from the walls could and did put many painters half-Picasso's age to shame.

On the other hand, there were ample reasons for the state of the art market to be mistrustful. After all, even the apparently inexhaustible supplies of early Picasso masterworks had almost dried up, and it would not be, to be extremely convenient if these still plentiful later works could be revealed as the equals of anything he ever did at the height of his physical and mental powers.

So, the present show at the Tate of *Late Picasso* (1953-1972), first aired at the Pompidou Centre, earlier this year and now in London until September 18, could not but excite mixed feelings in the art world. Would it be a revelation or an embarrassment?

The answer, naturally, is by no means neat and tidy. First of all, I think it must be admitted that there is a perceptible and considerable deterioration between the mid-Fifties and the early Seventies, and it is arguable by any standards whether some of the latest works

## GALLERY

Late Picasso  
Tate Gallery

unsigned, and apparently unfinished, should be shown except in a strictly academic, documentary context.

Those apart for even those included), what we are faced with is, at the very least, a fascinating document. And not a very comfortable or comforting one either.

Who says that old age should represent peace of mind, all passion spent? Certainly not Picasso. These images seem to be rent from time to time with titanic but somehow infantile rages.

There is, for example, the much-publicized preoccupation with sex, in its most immediate physical aspects. There is an angry and obsessive interest in the sexual organs, male and female, which forces one, over and over again, to meditate on the root meaning of the word *putenda*.

These women displaying their most intimate areas with a sort of resentful defiance, these young men sporting giant erections and putting them to enthusiastic use under, frequently, the watchful eye of some incredibly wizened and shriveled elder, seem to witness nothing more constructive and life-loving than

sheer impotent voyeurism. And yet, after all, why not?

Why should not this be just as legitimate an area of human experience to explore as the pieties and passions of youth and maturity? Being a forcibly retired satyr may be sad, but it is not inhuman.

The artistic value of many of these late images is more difficult to gauge. Certainly they all exemplify an heroic determination to go on creating as long as strength holds out.

Or perhaps, no less remarkable, the situation of (as Hokusai called himself) an old man mad about painting, who cannot stop even if he would. Quite possibly Picasso's own quality control was applied with less and less rigour as he grew older; but on the other hand, it was always the great glory of his life and work that he never could be much bothered with niceties of that sort; into his head it came, and out it popped, in wild, unending profusion, and it was the spirit which captivated and amazed.

Also, of course, the admixture of an astonishing number of paintings great by any standards, and they may be the one thing lacking here. The spirit persists: the astonishing 'welling-up' of new images (and old images reconsidered), but finally too many of the resultant works are slapdash and feeble in the details of their execution.

Perhaps they were meant to be that way. Perhaps Picasso, even in his nineties, is still looking forward to a new style, is caught by death in the middle of yet another transitional phase.

There is no artist that over half of whom one would be slow to believe it. And it is notable that the prints which are among the very best works have that precision and clarity of case which, often in major artists' endgames, proclaim that they can make the most complex processes look as simple as falling off a log, because that is exactly what they have become.

The show is disturbing and tiny to react strongly to (or against). For many very reason, we may still have to reserve judgment while on the eventual standing of these works in the Picasso canon as a whole.

I suspect that finally, they will not stand so high as speculators in Picasso might hope. But, on the other hand, no less an authority than David Hockney has spent many hours at the show and proclaims it a source of refreshment and inspiration.

That may not be a sign of finished perfection in the paintings themselves; artists often find, most useful and suggestive, in the work of others those flawed pieces which allow them a way in. But, all the same, such a use, if not the highest use possible in art, is by no means a negligible recommendation.

DONALD COOPER

## TELEVISION

Call him  
villain  
or hero?

Image and action in societies have a peculiar relationship, particularly in a culture which still has great difficulty in intellectually reconciling Christian ideology with its political and material demands.

Perversely, the relative failure of Christianity as a prescriptive religion has encouraged a hypocritical obsession with moral action, which is why, for instance, a British establishment for so long tolerated institutionalized paedophilia in its elite schools while ranting against the mere thought of homosexuality in public.

Last night's *World in Action* (ITV) about the infamous landlord and multi-millionaire property dealer, Nicholas Hoogstraten, who was once jailed for getting someone to toss a hand grenade into a debtor's house, was not only one of the most extraordinary documentaries I have ever seen, but the most shocking.

This was not because the actions of Mr Hoogstraten highlighted in the film were unsurpassably evil. Unfortunately, spitting at and threatening genteel ladies, kidnapping accountants and beating them up, and even brutally tricking multiple sclerosis sufferers out of rented accommodation, come only too far down the list of crimes against humanity.

What was so shocking was that, far from hypocritically hiding behind moralizing humping, this slickly-suited antique-collecting smoothie relished and promoted his image as a violent, cruel operator with criminal connections.

"I am probably ruthless and violent," he boasted, hinting, without incriminating himself, of darker goings on. He had even arranged the interview with the accountant so that the poor man could tell of his ordeal.

As the present government seeks a Christian consensus to bolster its ideological basis, it must fear that its moral authority is being threatened by a tendency, shown comically in the character Lord Sumner and bathetically in a Conservative MP's defence of Wimbledon touts, to flaunt crude materialism and mock received moral images, hypocritical or no.

We must hope that Mr Hoogstraten's appeal to the sanctity of property and the market place to justify his actions is not a nightmarish sign of the times.

Andrew Hislop

## Making a spectacle

But really one should not mock, as Hippolyta reminds us apropos of *Pyramus and Thisbe*, not when people put themselves forward so naively, and with such trust in our willingness to accept their modest offering.

So let me say at once that this is a jolly good effort from all concerned: the principals, the Ambrosian Chorus, the London Symphony Orchestra under Nello Santi, sundry dancers, and the Pharaonic Army Formation Stair-Climbing Troupe.

Did I leave anyone out? Oh yes, the little blacked-up nippers in brown lurex body stockings of indeterminate anatomy, who did a lot to equalize the sexes if not the races.

Vittorio Rossi's production, for which such words as "spectacular", "colossal", "magnificent" and "grotesque" might have been invented, may also have something to teach us about *Aida* and indeed about opera generally, quite apart from its touching merits as a sort of rustics' pageant writ exceedingly large.

For there surely is a strand of the vulgar running through this work, and when the enormous stage of Rossi's dreams is set for the Triumphal March, with crowds of extras in gold and copper on the great stairway that

## OPERA

Aida  
Earls Court

dominates the set, it would be a mean soul that did not stir a little at the sight.

Never mind that the priests look like an assembly of Eisteddfod bards, Orthodox patriarchs (the ones with beards) and nuns (the ones without). After all, nobody is here for a lesson in archaeology.

However, Verdi wrote disappointingly little of the opera as grand spectacle, and that fact was pointed up here right at the beginning, when the solo violin introducing the prelude sounded absurdly out of place in such a vast auditorium.

Nor was there any way for Rossi's acreage to provide a proper space for Amneris's chamber, or the whole third act, or the tomb.

And of course it is in these scenes, rather than in the great panoramas, that vocal expression has to account for rather more than can be delivered by an amplification system.

No doubt there are problems remaining to be ironed out, but at

Sadler's opening performance the effect was simultaneously of closeness and echoing reverberation when the singers came forward, as if each of them had swallowed the whole place in which they stood.

Any singing from further back was grossly distorted, and the High Priestess and her women in the first act sounded as if they were being heard from a radio somewhere off at the rear of the stage.

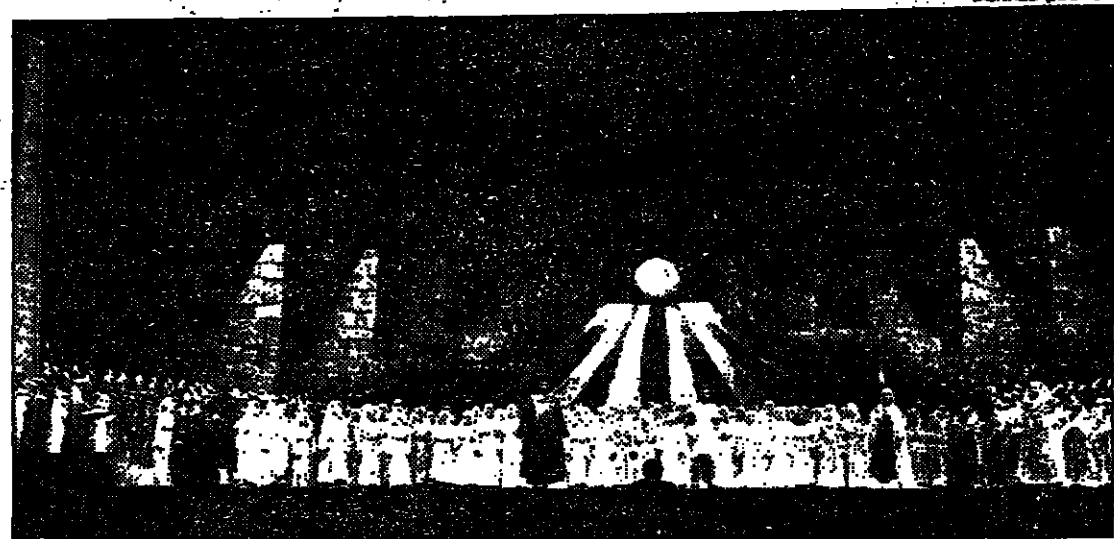
Comments on individual performances under such circumstances would be quite unfair even if they were possible.

Therefore I will just record that Ghena Dimitrova took over from an unwell Grace Bumbury at the end of the first act, and that Adriana Posta was Amneris, Nicola Martinucci Radames and Piero Cappuccilli Amonasro.

As to what Rossi can tell us generally about opera, that is quite simple. You can get 14,500 people to pay up to £25 for uncomfortable seats to see plastic costumes and hear plastic sound.

Could it be that, at a stroke, are solved both the Royal Opera's financial problems and their need for a temporary home? Perhaps not.

Paul Griffiths

Rustics' pageant writ large: a scene from Verdi's *Aida* at Earls Court. See the review by Paul Griffiths, leftAn Occurrence at  
Owl Creek Bridge  
Bracknell

The occurrences in *Thes Murgrove's* one-act opera certainly do creek. In the American Civil War, an Alabama planter is executed by the Yankees for some vaguely specified attempt at sabotage. Suffering death by hanging in a Murgrove opera does not, apparently, necessarily disqualify a chap from singing through the rest of it — and this character sings his way right back to the dear old homestead, where his wife seems strangely unsurprised to see him.

An Occurrence was commis-

sioned by the BBC as a radio opera, and probably worked acceptably in that form. All the characters tend to say what they are doing while they do it, the chamber-orchestra score is suitably soundtrack-like, if thin, in memorable ideas, and the deficiencies of plot, motivation, historical background and characterization probably passed for surrealism.

But this premiere staging, competently directed by Dominic Barber for Thameside Opera at the Wilde Festival in Bracknell, only served to expose an opera without much substance. One turned one's attention to the flickering green lighting effects; perhaps the director should have thrown in the burning of Atlanta as well.

The only singing role is that of the peripatetic corpse, and this Brian Rayner Cook projected with great fervour, though his accent hovered a trifle unconconvincingly between Al Jolson and Edward Heath. George Badacsonyi conducted tidily.

The other half of the double-bill was Walton's *The Bear* which, even in a performance that sometimes lacked the pace to make the repartee sparkle, emphasized still further that a successful one-act opera must be a piece of business, not a piece of art. Of course, writing half-act operas does not also include, for instance, Paul Griffiths' *Thes Murgrove's* one-act opera.

Richard Morrison

John Higgins meets Claudio Desderi, who is singing Falstaff at Glyndebourne tomorrow

## Midsummer knight's dreams

Tomorrow night is the most keenly awaited evening of the Glyndebourne summer. The opera is *Falstaff*, with Glyndebourne's twin captains, Peter Hall and Bernard Haitink, together on the bridge. They will both be well aware that for Glyndebourne *Falstaff* is the Verdi.

Even before the War, Fritz Busch saw it as a natural companion piece to the Mozart repertory he was building, and later it was the opera John Christie chose to try to jump to London to Sussex, unsuccessfully, as it seemed out.

Claudio Desderi, who has appeared regularly with the Glyndebourne and the Royal Opera, is the man chosen to sing the role. And he too will be mindful of some distinguished predecessors, Fernando Corelli and Geraint Jones among them.

But he comes fairly well seasoned to the part. He sang it first when he was only 31, in Turin, and then in a number of other productions, from Rome to the Glyndebourne, which he has now acquired as a certain amount of

notoriety. Desderi, whose rolipoly creations on stage belie a shrewd and swift mind, recalls it a shade ruefully.

"It was the first time Georges Wilson had directed an opera and probably it showed. That Paris *Falstaff* was too far away from the spirit of Italy, not least in its lack of understanding of the words."

"Wilson wanted an old, old man who was weak and helpless. His philosophy was dark and pessimistic."

"A singer may have a personal vision of the role, but he has to be open to receive the ideas of others; and at Glyndebourne we are looking for something entirely different. Indeed the opposite of the Wilson approach."

"Both Bernard and Peter see *Falstaff* as a strong personality, an aristocrat in a village, of the *Nureyev* type. He is to seduce Mistress Ford with words more dazzling than Ford could ever have used in his life."

"Of course the opera is also about *Falstaff's* *rambling* (sings) but even when he is at his lowest

point in Act III, he can still look at the burghers of Windsor and say 'Yes, you may laugh at me, but without me you are nothing.'

"He is a catholic — look at the number of times he calls on God, even though his real god is the bottle — in a den of prostitutes."

"I've deliberately put a four-year gap between my last *Falstaff* and this one at Glyndebourne. Coming back to the score, which I studied with my father [a professor of composition] when I was eight, I'm struck by its Mozartian qualities."

"Look at 'Quand on passe' Pure Mozart! But then you turn to the start of Act III, where the muffled snore is bringing *Falstaff* back to life and you hear words such as those words: 'well, the double Ls — trillo, grillo, brillo —' Desderi sings."

"At 35, Desderi may be just the right age to sing *Falstaff*, although he does not believe in the old operating date that you must not touch it until you are 40. 'What about *Stabile*? He began when he was 31."

It is at the beginning, the only Verdi role in the production, although he did sing in a high early in his career, and some of his sound to persuade him to do a *Falstaff* (and not a *Don Giovanni*) I rather fancy Desderi, who is now the King of the Glyndebourne, would make a most Shakespearean troupe: *Macbeth*, *King Lear* and *Falstaff*!

After Glyndebourne, Claudio Desderi goes to the Glyndebourne music school in Fiesole, above Florence. He is passionate about the need to develop a new generation of Italian singers and acts as both teacher and agent.

"At last a group of singers is emerging who are actually professionals. They have got to be. They were 'bought' by the Glyndebourne, but they are not 'bought' by the Glyndebourne. They are going to be a part of the world."

The power of the Glyndebourne teaching will be put to the test as Claudio Desderi, the first Fiesole graduate to be taken on by Glyndebourne, sings *Falstaff*.

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## Pussyfooting around

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Lynn Seymour's new work for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet looks like a good idea gone wrong. The programme note, with its high flown comments on the rich history of magic and ritual associated with Egypt and "the inherent vulnerability of man... at the mercy of the gods he himself creates," explains why the creators were drawn to this story. But its realization has gone astray.

It concerns a girl in ancient Egypt (Susan Lucas) and the man she loves (Petter Jacobsson). He is not interested in her and, obsessed by the Cat Goddess Bastet, goes instead to that goddess's

## DANCE

temple. The programme note, he dreams of making love to the Goddess (June Highwood), but in action there is no way of telling it is a dream. Then the Goddess is supposed to transform the girl into her own image but again, little sign of that, so the happy ending is perfunctory.

Andrew Logan's designs are the most successful element. Including his liking for gold and bright colours, he provides two striking scenes: the first perhaps too much like a jewellers shop window, the second a giant landscape behind the temple. The costumes, however, are striking rather than flattering. Michael Berkeley's specially written score is theatrical but

made a mixture of plaintive melodies and heavily 'can-can' persuasive climaxes. The choreography has some bold elements. The man jumps spectacularly from one pedestal to another; the Goddess is carried around with her big gold cloak fluttering; her attendants jump and tumble about (their entry, of course, is a *Pas de Chat*).

Seymour's chief enthusiasm seems to have gone into the long coital duet, so elaborate that the six attendants are needed to help the protagonists into position. What the women are given to do is perfunctory and often quaint, and an initial care for detail — an imitation, for instance, of the angled perspective of Egyptian paintings — is soon dropped. The cast all do their best, but it is hard going.

John Percival

Mr Boltry  
Royal Lyceum  
Edinburgh

It wasn't the Royal Lyceum's fault that they had to create a *Drick* Sunday afternoon in the Scottish Highlands while outside Edinburgh was rejoicing in a glorious summer's evening.

James Bridle's plays are of an age — Mr Boltry dates from 1943 — when details of settings, locations, and seasons were not to be missed about with.

As it happens, the Lyceum's stage crew have made a neat job of the necessary effects, but somehow the contrast between the real weather and the stage weather emphasizes the Catch-22 in the play, that the more realistic you try to make it the more artificial and arbitrary it becomes.

Here we are in the manse with the free Kirk minister Mr McCrimmon and his wife and

## THEATRE

here are the four protagonists, two sisters, different than the minister's wife, from London, and the minister's wife, the youngest, a married one, of their skills, and by way of entertainment and as an antidote to Mr McCrimmon's Presbyterian severity, they decide to summon up the Devil.

Mr Boltry, for it is he, duly appears, chastizes the minister in a rather unconvincing 'sermon' after having first chastized the youngsters for being so presumptuous and departs in a cloud of mystery. The minister takes note of the encounter by recognizing in himself the devil that is in us all — "it was my own mind speaking."

Sounds trite? So it is, especially in this worthy but lifeless production. The casting of James Cairncross as McCrimmon, who first played this part 20

years ago, and the actress as Mr Boltry's wife, who could not be more different in appearance and character, are not convincing.

McCrimmon's wife, the minister's daughter, is a good actress, but the McCrimmon is too dignified, and Grease's Boltry too dutifully eccentric for that.

Thank goodness for the three women in the cast. Penny Buntin is the niece who catalyzes the action, and she's all head girl and sensible shoes. (But please, someone should rescue her from that frightful wig.)

Lisa Grindall plays the wide-eyed but insatiably curious Mollie. Rose McElhinney is good as the minister's blithely long-suffering wife.

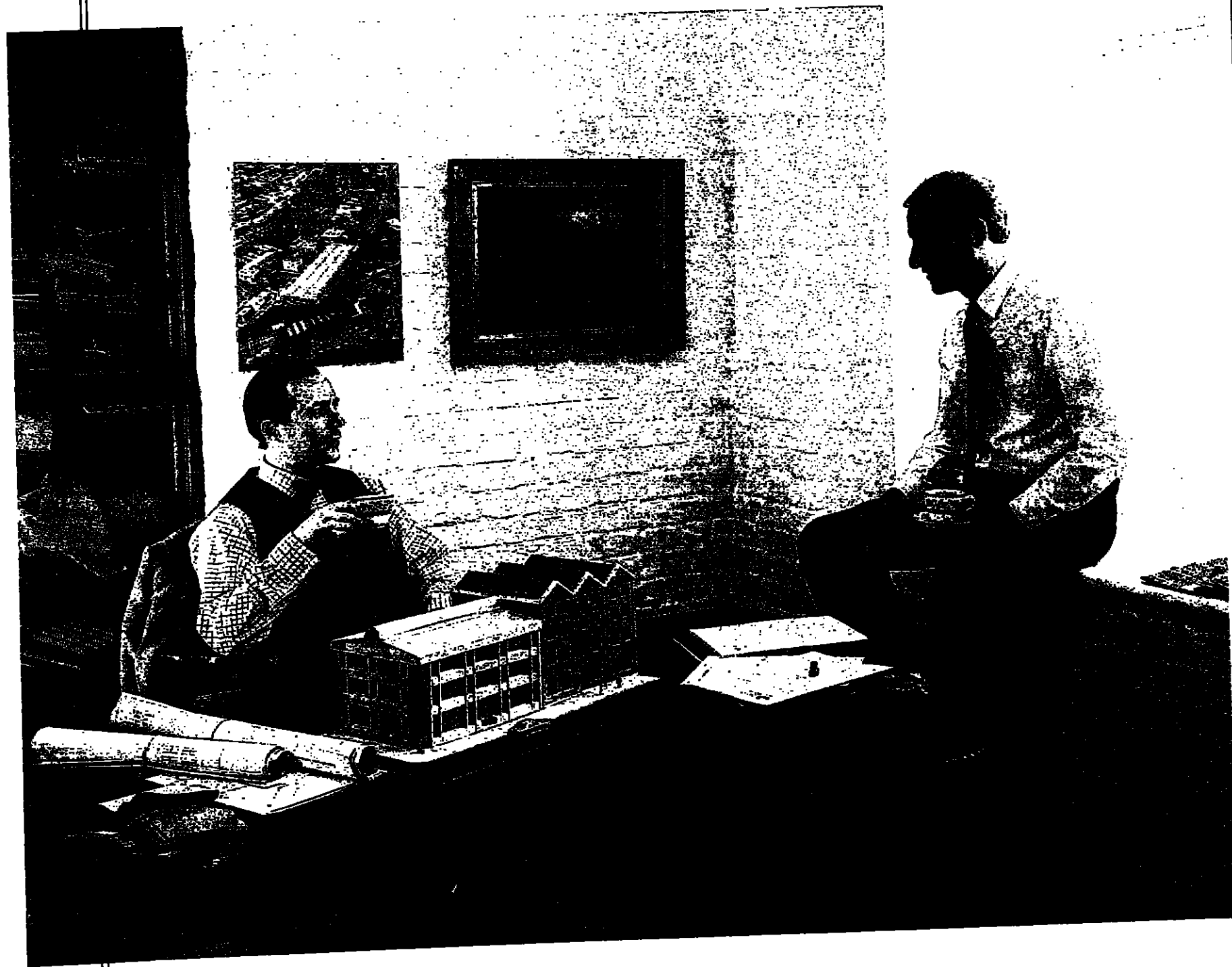
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Sales are booming but the discounts go on

## Too few trucks as demand leaps

The strength of the British truck market has taken the industry by surprise and there is no sign of demand slackening. An industry still haunted by the devastating recession of the early-1980s that followed the record year in 1979, is having to adjust to wholly unexpected shortages of supply.

In 1982 the commercial vehicle market had plummeted by a third in just three years, yet registrations this year are expected to exceed the record level of 1979. Sales are running at a level of 67,000 vehicles this year in the over-3.5-tonne gross-vehicle-weight sector, although the industry consensus is that the final size of the market will be closer to 65,000 heavy trucks.

In May the overall truck market was 23.4 per cent up on the same month in 1987, reaching 23,590 registrations, according to Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders figures. Between January and May commercial vehicle registrations had climbed over 10 per cent to 146,198, compared with the same five-month period in 1987.

One of the biggest surges in demand has been seen in the over-3.5-tonne class, where an 18 per cent growth in the first five months pushed sales to 27,899, compared with 23,630 for the same period the previous year.

Leyland Daf's marketing director, Chris Thornycroft Smith, says the market has gone crazy to the point where it is difficult to predict the final size of

the market in 1988. Earlier this year demand had been expected to slip back towards the end of the year.

Sales might have been higher had stocks been higher. Hans Tauscher, managing director of Mercedes GB explains: "There is a shortage of commercial vehicles at the moment." However the strong demand has yet to curb the historical price discounting at the dealerships.

In the previous years of marked over capacity, truck dealers became used to selling by discounting. Mr Tauscher believes it is difficult in a short time to turn dealers away from the established habit.

The sector is led by Iveco Ford, which in the first five months improved its market share from 21 to 24.4 per cent, unit sales, rising by more than a third compared with the same period last year. The Ford Cargo continues to secure almost half the high-volume sector for 7.4 to 7.5 tonne GVW class trucks.

For the last two months Iveco Ford has been headed by Leyland Daf but a shortage of supply has seen its market share for the January to May period slip from 22.9 to 22.3 per cent, though volumes are ahead by 15 per cent. Mercedes has in the last year crept to second place in the heavy truck market but Mr Tauscher emphasizes the company's target is to be securely in third place behind Iveco Ford and Leyland Daf as the leading "pure" importer. Compared

with its normal growth target of 10 to 15 per cent Mercedes is performing strongly in 1988, pushing up sales by 26.4 per cent in the first five months. Despite strikes in both Sweden and at the Scottish Volvo factory Volvo has largely managed to retain its market position and can look forward next year to supplying up to 70 per cent of its trucks for the UK market from its Irving plant.

ERF continues its spectacular recovery from the depths of recession and has almost doubled sales in the first five months to produce record sales ahead of the performance in 1979. It is now third in the tractor sector behind Leyland Daf and Volvo, up from fifth last year having overtaken Scania. By September ERF's plant will have reached full capacity on a single shift. Specialist maker Foden more than doubled sales in May and for the first five months registrations are up from 264 a year ago to 545.

Many heavy truck producers benefited from Bedford's withdrawal from the market so they will be watching with considerable interest when the newly-formed AWD concern brings the revamped Bedford range back into the market in the autumn.

Superficially, little changes in the heavy van sector up to 3.5 tonne gross vehicle weight, with the Ford Transit continuing to take more than 40 per cent of all sales despite the two-week strike in February. However, the demise of the long-running Bedford CF van pushed the company's registrations down by 28 per cent in the first five months at a time when the sector grew by almost 10 per cent. This allowed Mercedes to overtake Bedford for third place in the sector behind Freight Rover which was affected by the Land Rover dispute.

Now that the Leyland Daf dealer network is established, Freight Rover has seen sales to smaller operators improve, shifting away from the large fleet contracts such as the post office.

Nissan is some way behind but sales are up 70 per cent so far this year, pushing the Japanese share of the van sector up almost 30 per cent compared with the January to May period in 1987.

Bedford's fortunes are much brighter in the light van class. The Astra-based van has decisively overtaken the Ford Fiesta and Escort for the top position in the first five months, though Ford was ahead in May.

Daniel Ward  
Motor Industry Correspondent



A Foden truck uses its power to advantage on the open road

## The Wizard of Dagenham conjured up a winner

Ford clearly has some sort of magus locked up at its Dagenham factory. A wizard who knows exactly what the British operator wants in the form of a panel van.

The company consulted him 22 years ago and he uttered just one word: Transit. In its two-year-old, second-generation form, the Transit occupies 35 per cent of the UK panel-van market, and more than 40 per cent of the 1.8 to 3.5 tonne sector of the market.

It accounts for one in three of the commercial vehicles on British roads, and its name is a generic term for a one-tonne panel van. It is a phenomenal success.

There are more sophisticated vans around; the Renault Trafic has a much lower floor, and front-wheel-drive. There are more powerful vans around; Peugeot Talbot, Citroën, and Fiat all offer a fire-breathing turbo-diesel engine in their vans.

There are cheaper vans; most of the Japanese vans are cheaper than the Transit. In fact the Ford Transit is quite crude by current automotive engineering standards with a front engine, rear-wheel-drive, and a live rear axle held off the ground with leaf springs.

The larger versions of the van even retain the tradition "1" beam front axle that can

be found on the earliest commercial vehicles.

The key to the Transit's success is in several parts. First is a reputation for a "driver's van". When the first Transits appeared in the late 1960s they could do more than 80 mph at a time when the competitors' performance was somewhat lacklustre.

A van that could overtake a passenger car on the motorway was something to talk about.

The second, and perhaps most important part of the

## Versatility its success

Transit's success is its versatility. If all the optional wheelbases, body styles, payloads, engines, transmissions, rear axles, tyres, and trim packages could be combined together in any different way then there would be around 44,000 different models.

Ford claims that this is the most important part of the Transit's success story, and is not slow to point this out to its dealers and customers.

The new-shape Transits are offered in three different wheelbase options, five different body styles, and seven payload options.

There are three different petrol engines including a

powerful three-litre V6 option for the emergency services. Also offered is the 2.5-litre, direct-injection diesel engine that has a reputation for frugal if vociferous performance.

In addition to the standard options, there are a bonanza of body-builders who will convert the Transit to a minibus, a parcels van, a four-wheel-drive, off-road vehicle, or a Luton-bodied van.

Ford discreetly encourages the plethora of specialists with its famous "letter of non-objection", and has in addition its own Special Vehicle department to fill any gaps in the market.

Most commercial vehicles are still built in a most labor intensive manner. The small production volumes do not justify investment in automation.

The Ford Transit plant in Southampton is one of the most automated commercial vehicle plants in the world.

Through-pats at the factory have to be high to justify the cost, and Ford's gamble with the new Transit has paid off.

At times things have not looked so rosy for the new Transit, particularly at its launch in 1986. Ford had an expensive factory turning out vehicles for which there was only a potential market. This brings us to the final

part of the Transit success story: the Ford marketing machine. At first, this consisted of the costly solution of throwing money at the problem in the form of huge discounts, especially to large fleet purchasers.

Latterly the fleet department has created its own momentum in sales, and the marketing department has pioneered the production of special issues and limited runs of Transits in special colours, with extra trim packages.

## Powers of Nostradamus

This enables slow-moving driveline options (like the 1.6-litre petrol engine) to be sold, and the strategy has been a hit with one-man operators.

Stick marketing phrases roll off the tongue when describing the Transit's success, but it has not entirely been the result of serendipity.

There have been some in the Transit's progression to market dominance, and Ford's management should be credited with having the nerve to see the project through with something like the soothsaying powers of Nostradamus.

Andrew English  
Commercial Motor



Foden production line in Cheshire: the company more than doubled sales in May

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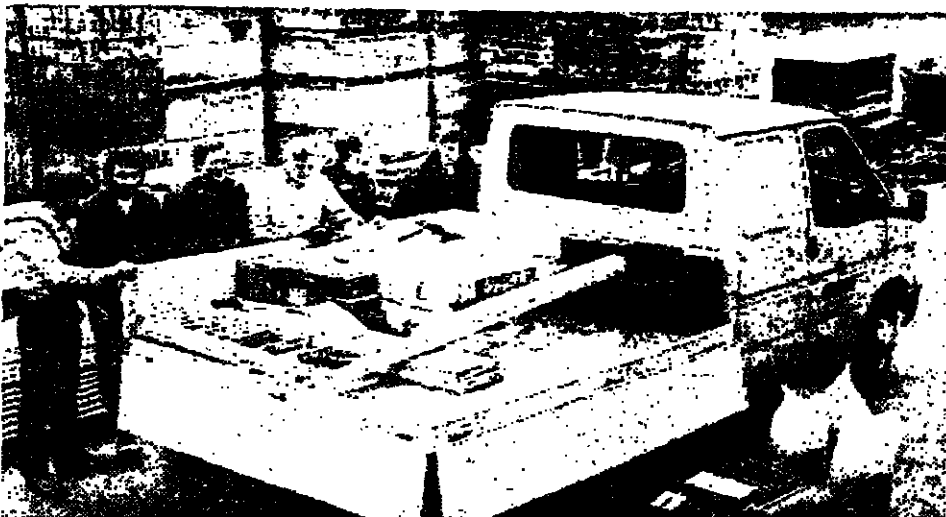
## FOCUS

## VANS AND TRUCKS

## Crunch time for Brown's crusaders



The Bedford Rascal production line: marketed by Vauxhall



The versatile Ford transit: way out on top of its league

The story of David J. B. Brown riding in like a knight in shining armour to rescue the remains of General Motors' Bedford Trucks division in Dunstable is by now well-known. Less well-known is whether or not Brown's AWD project, born on the back of those Bedford remains, will be successful.

On the surface, Brown and his team have done rather well in the short term. There is a loyal and apparently well-motivated workforce, turning out more (mainly military) trucks now than it did in the last days of Bedford. There is a new management team culled from a variety of backgrounds in the trucks industry, including Leyland, Scammell and Seddon Atkinson. There have been new orders for the existing products, to the tune of thousands of trucks for both the British armed forces and some of the more notable export markets.

Now, however, the crunch time, when AWD lays out its own new wares — rather than the products it inherited — out in front of a buying public spoiled for choice, is fast approaching. AWD is coming on to the British civilian market at a fascinating time.

Demand is high, and many models scarce, especially those built on the Continent. That might seem to augur well for AWD, yet there are clouds on the horizon. Few expect the current boom in sales to last beyond the end of this year — if, in fact, it lasts that long. Already, there is evidence that the parallel boom in European markets is collapsing, which should release more production capacity for right-hand drive vehicles.

The British market, which has always been acknowledged as one of the most fiercely contested of all European markets, is about to get not only AWD, but Austria's Steyr as well, adding more competition in a market which already has ten significant brand names plus the Japanese Hino.

AWD's battle, like that of every other contestant whose name is not well-known, is to get its product accepted in the market place. Here it will be both helped and hindered by its background and roots in Bedford. Certainly, the early product, at least, will be visually very reminiscent of the late Bedford product — an inevitable result of using the same cab structures — and this should help provide some level of familiarity. The Bedford which it resembles has now, however, been off the market for 1½ years, and even the most loyal of Bedford customers has been tempted away into other folds in the meantime and many dealers have gone to other makes. AWD's



David J. B. Brown: he does not understand failure managing director, Ron Hancock, says some of those defecting dealers will turn again, and figure in his soon-to-be-announced list of 45 dealers.

Though the vehicles will look similar to their forebears, they will have completely different drivelines, closely resembling those of other manufacturers such as ERF and Sneddon Atkinson, so that they will have little to distinguish them from those competitors, and little in common with those Bedfords still in operators' fleets.

One other problem facing AWD is that it is coming to market with, initially, only a limited range of vehicles. There are few companies, if any, in the world which could afford to release a complete new range at once, and in AWD's case, the logical decision has been made to launch in stages. The first vehicles — which will begin operator trials soon and be announced publicly shortly before the Birmingham Motor Show in October — will be from the high-sales-volume 7.5 to 17-tonne sector.

The heavier prestige vehicles going up to 38 tonnes will be announced later next year. This limited offering will undoubtedly not help AWD in the early stages, especially in fleets where a common make is preferred for all sizes of vehicle.

AWD has set itself quite modest sales targets, bearing that in mind, with the intention of selling less than 1,000 vehicles into the British civilian market in 1988. It does, however, intend to build up on that figure rapidly, and is aiming for a total annual build of 8,000 vehicles or more within a short time.

Against all that, AWD has the undeniable advantage of the image of a go-getting industrialist in David Brown, a man who does not seem to know the meaning of "failure" and who seems to have an unerring nose for a good business proposition or product. It has the advantage of a workforce for which success is vital for preserving jobs in the Luton area, and a marketing team for which there is the satisfaction of being able to launch a new product, unfettered by existing models or market positions, onto a hard market.

Any doubts people might have entertained that AWD is not capable of engineering new vehicles quickly will have been dispelled by the announcement this week of two new military and off-road vehicles at the British Army Equipment Exhibition. The new 120-tonne tank transporter, and the eight-wheel-drive articulated vehicle (which for the first time combines technology from Bedford/AWD and one of Brown's other companies, Multidrive) give a hint of what is to come.

Those together might well be enough to give Brown the success that he is looking for, but it is unlikely that any existing manufacturer will view lightly the loss of even one sale to a new name. British truck builders, importers and dealers have had a good couple of years with the combination of a boom market and a reduced number of effective players following the withdrawal of Bedford and the Iveco/Ford and Leyland/Daf mergers. For the first time in many years, some of them have been profitable, and they will not welcome anything which threatens that position. The resistance of the established makes will probably be the real key to the success or failure of the AWD enterprise.

Allan Winn

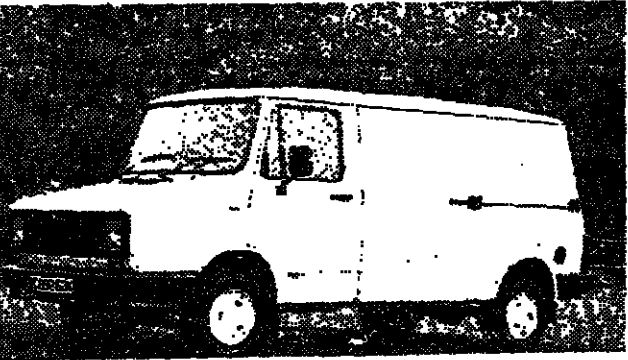
Editor, Commercial Motor

## A hard fight for also-rans in the van market

While the Ford Transit continues to hold sway at the top of the panel van manufacturers' league, the rest of the British van producers are fighting hard to stay in the frame, writes Andrew English. The currently state-owned Austin Rover is soon to drop the Austin title from its name, and introduce a series of new Rover models ranging from the R6 Maestro replacement, to the R8 Maestro replacement, and the R9 Montego replacement. Quite what will happen to the Austin-badged Metro and Maestro vans when the new Rover-badged replacements come is the subject of much soul-searching in Coventry, but we remain very much in the dark for the moment.

The other major British van manufacturer is now partly in the hands of truck-builders

Citroen/Fiat-owned van plant in Spain that produces the SEVEL van for both companies. Freight Rover has a stack of new ideas, including front-wheel drive, air-bag suspension, and anti-lock brakes, and it looks likely that Renault would be the most suitable candidate for a joint project. The French manufacturer is already highly successful in the UK, and it has the expertise to manufacture reliable front-wheel drive vans. It is also in need of a new set of engines for the Trafic van range that Freight Rover could help to develop. The only other large volume manufacturer of panel vans in the UK is IBC Vehicles in Luton. The company sells its vehicles (the Midi van, and the Rascal van) badged as Bedfords through the Vauxhall marketing structure.



The Freight Rover Sherpa 200: a dated shape

Daf. Freight Rover Van has been struggling to keep its second place in the medium/heavy van market as it comes under very strong pressure from Renault.

Under the new managing director, Graham Morris, the company has tackled some of its legendary reliability problems with success, but the product line is in dire need of modernization.

Freight Rover currently produces the lighter 200 series Sherpa van that has its roots in the fore-running Leyland Easy Access van. Despite the addition of the pioneering composite springs, and a new direct-injection Perkins/Austin Rover-developed diesel engine, it is a dated shape.

The other van is the heavier 300 series Sherpa model that sells mainly to fleet users like the Post Office. Though this is almost solely designed for the Post Office, it is also an old-fashioned van, with a range of venerable petrol engines, and the unpropitious Land Rover 2.5-litre diesel engine.

The problem is that there is not enough development money in the coffers to launch a new range of models. Most light panel vans have a production life of around 10 to 12 years.

Though this is much longer than the life of a passenger car, the volumes of vans sold are much lower. With the investment required for a new model so large that not even new owners Daf can afford to meet the need, it is no surprise that Freight Rover is looking for a collaborative partner to develop a new model.

The idea is not new; it has already worked with some success on the Peugeot Talbot

Though the Midi van has just been given a face-lift and a new series of engines, the Japanese origins of the van are hard to disguise. The Midi van, and the Bedford-badged KB pick-ups are designed by the Japanese giant, Isuzu, but the Midi is assembled in Luton by the Vauxhall/Isuzu-owned IBC Vehicles.

With its narrow body, and limited range of options, the Midi is typical of many Japanese vans, and UK fleet operators have been reluctant to buy the admittedly cheap vehicles, preferring instead the versatility of vans like the Sherpa, or the Transit.

For this reason IBC Vehicles might find it hard to move up from its fourth place in the van manufacturers' table selling its products solely to one-man operators.

Another problem is the Byzantine sales structure of the Isuzu company in the UK.

It sells the pick-ups and vans through IBC, but a range of four-wheel-drive vehicles is also sold through the West Midlands-based International Motors, and a wide range of engines is sold through Heathrow-based Talbot Diesels.

The irony is that Isuzu is about to start importing an engine that could replace the old units in the Bedford 7.5 tonne lorries that are now no longer manufactured, but the importer will not be Vauxhall, but Talbot Diesels.

It is doubtful that Isuzu will be able to sort out the maze of supply to the UK in the short term, which would probably rule out more Luton-built Isuzu models. Even if more models were made available, it is unlikely that UK fleet buyers would readily take to them.

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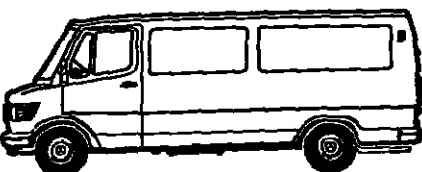
Needless to say, Chemical Express now run 30 Mercedes 307s.

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## TELEVISION AND RADIO

## Desperately seeking insulin

## TELEVISION CHOICE

A four-part mini-series from Canada, *Glory Enough For All* (TV, 9.00 and 10.35pm) recalls those earnest Hollywood biopics in which Greer Garson discovered insulin and Edward G. Robinson his upon a cure for syphilis. Our hero is Dr Fred Banting, who discovered insulin and went on to share Canada's first Nobel Prize. As played by R. H. Thomson, he is first seen as a gangling, bespectacled young medic who returns from the battlefield of the First World War determined to make his mark on the world. Failing to get the job at a Toronto hospital, he talks about having a dream destroyed, but he is rescued from this and other clichés by being pressed into giving a lecture on a subject he knows nothing about, diabetes. Meanwhile in New Jersey, Elizabeth Hughes, the 13-year-old daughter of the Secretary of States is dying of (you've guessed it) diabetes. Banting turns out to be that staple character of screen biopics, the obsessed inventor who is oblivious of the world about him. He is oblivious even of his pretty girl, enough him when she tells him she's nearly 30 and has never seen a man's body. Hot on the insulin trail, Banting goes to the top for help and gets another cliché: "What makes you think you can succeed where others have failed?" Transmitted over two



Nobel effort: R. H. Thomson as the doctor who finally discovers a cure for the deadly blood disease (TV, 9.00pm and 10.35pm) and excitement and originality of treatment that made another story of medical discovery, the DNA saga *Life Story*, one of the outstanding television dramas of 1987.

Peter Waymark

## The anatomy of espionage

## RADIO CHOICE

Now that the dust of battle has settled and the green-for-go light has flashed, we can all listen to *My Country, Right Or Wrong* (Radio 4, 8.05pm) and find out for ourselves what all the fuss was about. My verdict is that if there is anything in this series that could put our intelligence services in jeopardy, then it certainly is not evident in part one. There is hardly any of the "sloshing about through muddy waters" that presenter Paul Barker prepares us for, and the moral and immoral dilemmas hinted at are thin on the ground. What we do get are examples of the sort of inverted logic to be found in Lewis Carroll. One such is when Lord Dacre concludes that because of its arcane method of arrival, a piece of treacherous misinformation smuggled out in the by-products of a Bulgarian pimp would attract more M16 attention than something that any intelligent person could deduce from the dry statistics published in official documents. There is, too, something of *Alice in Wonderland* in Barker's theory that if the KGB had an agent at CND headquarters (as M15 did), then the two agents sharing a cup of Nescafé are an image



Spy talk: All Lord Dacre reveals are examples of the inverted logic practised by our intelligence services (R4, 8.05pm)

inable scenario. As is only right and proper, nobody currently on the payroll of either M15 or M16 contributes to the programme. The one exception to the rule is the Chinese linguist on the original cast of GCHQ who is so discreet that you wonder why he was asked to say anything at all. "All I can tell you," he says, "is that I am a Chinese linguist and have worked there for 26 years." What *My Country, Right Or Wrong* settles down to become is an ABC of the secret services, and at this level, it is packed with the kind of information that any non-spy can easily digest. We learn, for example, that Humint is spy

Peter Davalle

## Radio 3

6.55 Weather. News headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Haydn (Mozart) in F (H. H. 28); Music Party under Alan Harker; Roderic in the Stages of Central Asia; National Po under Loris Tjeknavorian 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Mozart (Serenade in E flat (K. 375); Netherlands Wind Ensemble under Edo de Waart; Schubert (Symphony No. 8 in B minor (Unfinished); Philharmonia Orchestra under Claudio Abbado; Brahms (Intermezzo in E, Op. 115 No. 6; Arar Rubinstein, piano) 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Brahms. Violin Sonata in G; Pinchas Zukerman (Violin) and Daniel Barenboim (Piano) with songs sung by Margaret Price, Dietrich Flassbecker and Edith 9.35 English Recorder and Piano Music: John Turner (recorder) and Peter Lawson (piano) play Howard Ferguson's Five Bagatelles, Op. 5, for piano; Jasper Royce's Short Sonata for recorder and piano; and for recorder and piano: Ronald Leith plays on the carillon of the Kirk of St Nicholas, Aberdeen 10.10 Songs of the High Season: 12.20 The Central station: The Central Orchestra under Rudolf Albert with Marisa Bonini (soprano) 10.50 Music for Carillon: Ronald Leith plays on the carillon of the Kirk of St Nicholas, Aberdeen 11.30 Lowri Blake and Caroline Palmer: Beethoven's Sonata in G minor, Op. 5 No. 2; and Variations on a Theme of Rossini (1) 12.00 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Jean-Claude Casadesu conducts Brahms' Overture from Benvenuto Cellini; Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in B flat; and Ravel's Choreographic poem La Valse 1.00 News 1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Live from Cardiff. Albert String Quartet play Mendelssohn's Quartet in E flat, Op. 12; and Dvorak's Quartet in A flat, Op. 103 2.05 Kathleen Bates: Recording of the soprano accompanied by James Levine (piano) at the 1987 Salzburg Festival. Purcell's From rosy bow; and Liszt's S'ei un cherubino; and

## Radio 4

6.55 Shipping Forecast 6.55 News Briefing: Weather 6.55 Farming Today 6.55 Prayer for the Day (6.55) Today, incl. 6.55, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 6.55 Business Weekly 7.00 News 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 7.30 Your Letters 7.35 Thought for the Day 7.45 Weather 7.45 Parliament 8.57 Weather 8.00 News 8.05 Call Kate Ade: Topic for discussion is the future for trades unions in the light of the current TUC split. Guests are Geraldine of the A10 and Bill Morris of the TGWU. To participate telephone 01-580 4411 10.00 News: Medicine: How does the supernatural history of the effects of inadequate nutrition on mental development 10.30 Morning Story: Come out to play. Written and read by William Ingram 10.45 Daily Service from St George's Church, Belfast (6.10) News: Travel: Citizens (6.10) From Our Own Correspondent 11.50 Tales of a Dragon-Watcher: Roger Worsley examines the supernatural history of dragons, monsters, gods and dragons (4) Gale's Grandmother 12.00 News: You and Yours: Listener's comments on last week's report on GSCS 12.25 Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston implies the quiz game with Tim Rice, Willie Rushon, Benny Green and Rachael Heyhoe-Filt (6.10) 1.00 The World at One: Presented by Neil Wormald 1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 News: Woman's Hour: Includes a discussion on the new musical devoted to the notorious French tennis player Suzanne Lenglen and with country singer K. T. O'Leary; plus a comparison of today's grandmothers with those of the past 2.00 News: Dreams of Dublin: Bay: A new play by Sean Barrett, Pauline Delany, Alexandra Pigg, Peter Gregory and Neil Caple (6.10) 2.30 Comparing Notes: In the last programme of the series, Richard Baker recalls his conversations with leading musicians and introduces some of his favourite moments. With contributions from Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, Christopher Hogwood and Dame Marie Perle (6.10) 4.00 News 4.05 The Local Network: Reporters Neil Walker and David Clayton discover what goes on in community radio stations 4.30 Kaleidoscope (1) 5.00 Pat: Presented by Robert Williams and Valerie Singleton 5.55 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News: Financial Report 6.30 Flying the Flag: Comedy by Alex Shesser starring Cordelia Landon as one of HM Ambassadors in a far-fetched tale of ecological life in the republic (7.00) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.30 My Country, Right or Wrong (see Choice) 8.05 The Radio Programme: Laurie Taylor with news, views and comment about radio and its programmes (7.05) 8.30 Waiting for Mrs Forbes: Ray Gosling presents an award-winning tale of ecological life in the republic (7.00) 9.15 In Touch: A magazine for the visually impaired, presented by Ian Macrae 9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes interviews with Angus O'Connell's novel *Black Box*, Lynn Seymour about the Royal Ballet's performance of *Swan Lake* in Birmingham and Richard Eyre about the plans for the National Theatre; plus a report on the new musical devoted to the notorious French tennis player Suzanne Lenglen and with country singer K. T. O'Leary; plus a comparison of today's grandmothers with those of the past 12.00 News: Dreams of Dublin: Bay: A new play by Sean Barrett, Pauline Delany, Alexandra Pigg, Peter Gregory and Neil Caple (6.10) 12.00 News: 12.05 Ends

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## BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.35 *Edgar Kennedy in Prunes and Politics* (b/w) 6.55 Weather. 7.00 *Breakfast Time* with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55 Regional news and weather. 9.00 *News* and weather followed by *Dad's Army* and *Sue Ellen* leave for Hong Kong (r). 9.50 *Mind How You Go*. The second programme in a series about accident prevention presented by Jimmy Savile (r). 10.00 *News* and weather followed by *Children Talking*. In 1969 Gerald Harrison talks to boys and girls from Brighton and Maidenhead about their families (r). 10.15 *Cartoons*. 10.25 *Children's BBC*. Simon Patten with programme news and birthday greetings followed by *Play School* (r) and *Peddingford* (r). 10.55 *Five to Eleven*. Steven Pacey with a reading. 11.00 *News* and weather followed by *Wild Flower*. Michael Jordan with the story of the wild daffodil (r). 11.15 *Delta Smith's One is Fun!* Delta Smith with three more recipes for those alone (r). 11.30 *On the House*. The last in the home refurbishment series (r). 12.00 *News* and weather followed by *The Animals*. Desmond Morris meets Westminster's animals; Sarah Kennedy is at the Horse of the Year Show (r). (C) 12.40 *Cartoon Double Bill*. 12.45 Regional news and weather. 1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Michael Barker. Weather. 1.30 *Neighbours*. Madge and Neil receive good news from the ladies' singles quarter-finals. (Ceefax)

## BBC2

6.55 *Open University: Photochemical Pathways*. Ends at 7.25. 9.00 *Ceefax*. 9.30 *Postman Pat: A See-Saw* programme for the very young (r). 1.35 *Sign*. A video made by young deaf people at the London Deaf Video Project (r). 2.00 *News* and weather followed by *Wimbledon 88*. Harry Carpenter introduces Centre and Number One courts action plus news from the outside courts. Due to be played today are the women's singles quarter-finals. The commentating team is Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Gerald Williams, Barry Davies, Mark Cox, Bill Threlfall, Ann Jones and Virginia Wade. (Ceefax). Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50. 8.00 *Comolleur*. The second semi-final of the art quiz presented by Bamber Gascoigne. The contestants are Vera Brumby from Kent; Tom Jones of the West Midlands; John Nash of Essex; and Bruce Tattersall from Dorset. (Ceefax)

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6.00 *TV-am* begins with The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Kaye; 7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine includes Claire Rafter with advice on coping with the loss of a spouse. 9.25 *Thames news*. 9.30 *Password*. Word association game. 10.00 *Santa Barbara*. 10.25 *News headlines*. 10.30 *The Time*. The Places series (1). 3.00 *Anything* on a topical subject fun with puppets 11.25 *Thames news headlines*. 11.30 *About Britain: A Voyage Round East Anglia*. Tony Gregory completes his tour with visits to, among other places, Colchester, Maldon, Felixstowe and Sutton Bridge. 12.00 *Gas Street*. Vince Hill's guests are Ray Cooney and escapologists the Simmonds Brothers. 12.30 *The Sullivan*. Drama serial from the 1940s. 1.00 *News at One* with Julia Somerville. 1.20 *Thames news*. 1.30 *Quincy*. The medical examiner investigates the death of a priest found in the bedroom of a high-class prostitute (r). 2.30 *Room for Change*. 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# The great escape from a forest inferno

From Ruth Gledhill  
Mulhouse, France

Of the 118 people injured in Sunday's crash of the Airbus A320 near the Swiss-French border, 26 were still in hospital yesterday, at Basle and Mulhouse.

The injured relived the experience from their hospital beds. They described how they leapt from the plane to avoid fire and trees which partially blocked at least one emergency chute.

M Yves Schaefer, aged 32, from Mulhouse, was injured when he leapt more than three metres from the emergency exit at the rear. "I thought all along that the pilot was flying far too slowly," he said. "Then he went even slower. I was not afraid but I thought we were lost."

"About 1½ seconds before we arrived at the trees I heard the engine rev up. The plane started to crash over the top of the trees. I heard the engine rev up a second time. My final thought was that I hope I burn quickly and that I don't feel any pain."

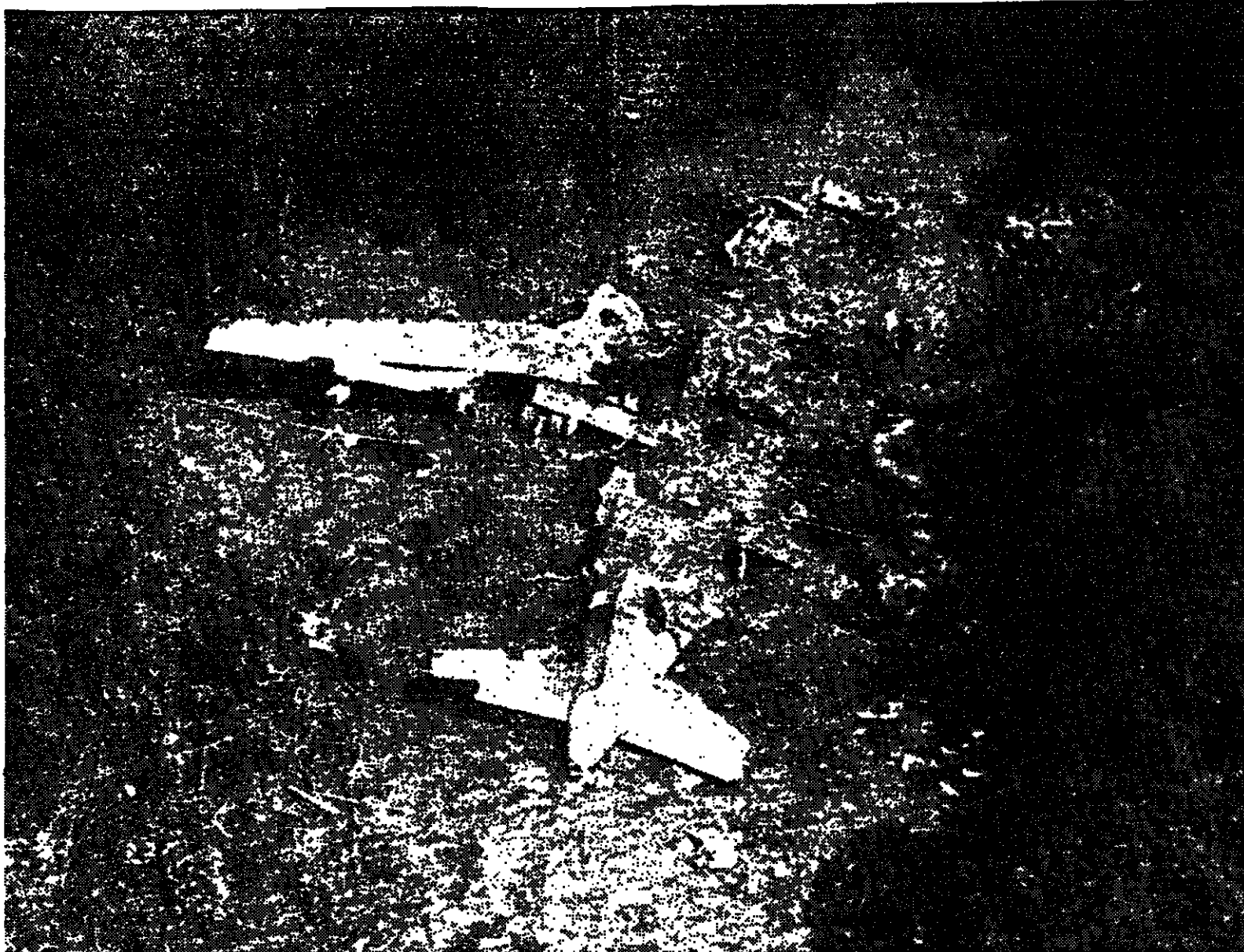
Cristophe Muller, aged 7, also from Mulhouse, won his trip in a competition. Still in shock, he struggled yesterday to describe the experience.

"I was very scared. When we stopped, I thought I must be dead. I jumped from the plane. I saw a little baby being carried by its mother. The baby was covered in blood and the mother was crying and screaming. Everyone was screaming, me also."

Yesterday the forest bordering the airfield was a scene of devastation. Two massive swaths were cut through the trees by the wheels. The path of the aircraft could be tracked by lopped-off branches and scattered leaves, and then the ruined and demolished trees 100 metres in, where the charred remains of the aircraft were being examined by police, aviation and transport officials.

Dozens of survivors returned to the scene of the accident to view the wreckage that nearly cost them their lives. Many had lost all their papers and valuable camera and radio equipment in the blaze after the crash.

Mr Graeme Cameron, a pilot with L'Aéro-Club de Mulhouse, which organized the air show, said: "The pilot was one of the best in the country. There was nothing unusual about his display, Concordie did a similar flightpath last year. The fact that he was slow is relatively irrelevant."



The burnt-out wreckage of the crashed Airbus A320 lies at the end of a swathe of demolished and blackened trees in the forest at the edge of Habsheim airport near Mulhouse on the French-Swiss border. All but three of the 136 passengers and crew survived the crash and the inferno that followed when the airliner plunged into the forest while making a low-level pass at an air show. Yesterday they described the last terrifying moments of the Airbus.

## Pilot 'flew 70ft too low'

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place without warning klaxons constantly sounding.

To maintain a slow floating pass down the runway, the pilot must pull the side-stick controller back. This automatically brings in another computer which keeps the aircraft just above its stalling speed.

Should the pilot want to land he releases the back pressure on the stick and the computers put the aircraft into a position enabling the wheels to touch the runway.

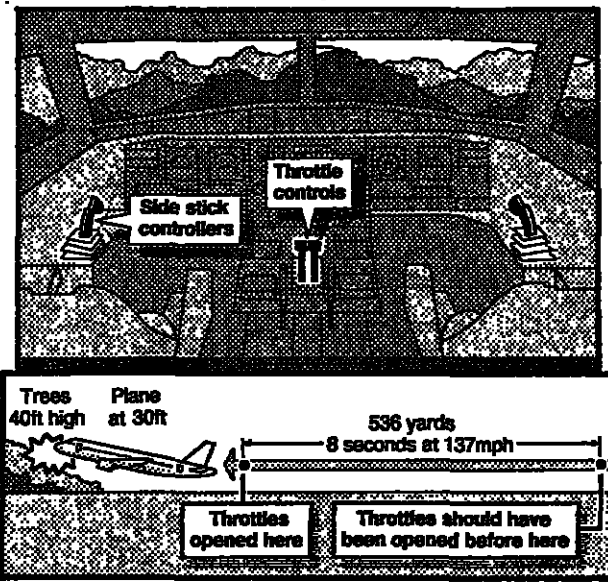
Throughout this procedure the throttles are set at idle, which provides the minimum

power necessary to keep the aircraft aloft. The pilot, and not the computer is in total control of the engine settings. If he decides not to land, or to pull out of the manoeuvre, he must push the throttles fully forward which sends signals to the engines to gradually put on power, enabling the aircraft to pull away.

What the investigators now want to know is why Captain Hassenline did not push open the throttles much earlier. They will also want to know why he was so low and why he had so many passengers on board, making the aircraft heavy and therefore less manoeuvrable, especially at

low altitude and slow speeds. The Aero Club de Mulhouse, which had organized the airshow said that they had not set a minimum height for the display and "left it to the pilot's discretion". Because he had taken off from nearby Basle airport, he had not had the chance to make a practice run to get to know the position of the trees at the airfield.

In Britain, the Civil Aviation Authority lays down strict guidelines governing minimum heights at airshows, bans the carriage of passengers during a display, and insists on pilots attending briefings and practice sessions.



## Commons sketch

## A toehold on the ladder of power

Oddly enough, Mr Alan Beith already has a job of national standing. He is the Honourable Member answering for the House of Commons Commission.

This post entitles him to: a) a large, brown, lightweight, cardboard folder; b) five minutes every few weeks answering questions from Members of all parties on the internal running of the House of Commons. Not a paperclip can be ordered into service in the House of Commons without first being subjected to the scrutiny of Mr Beith.

From the point of view of all the other members of the SLD and the SDP, this makes Mr Beith a powerbroker of quite extraordinary influence, but this Henry Kissinger of the moderate classes wears his grandeur with modesty.

Though he dresses in a double-breasted suit, Mr Beith is not what you would call a double-breasted sort of person. He is more the helpful man behind the counter at the corner-shop with the biro protruding from the top pocket of his overalls, or the village deacon who enjoys a bit of train-spotting when he can find the time. Mildness is his middle name.

This month's five minutes of Mr Beith occurred between 3.15 and 3.20 yesterday afternoon. It was, as usual, extremely mild.

Mr Graham Allen, a spiky-faced new Labour MP, much given to worrying about this, that and the other, requested the appointment of a full-time officer to be in charge of all public tickets and tours around the House. As if this were not enough, he also wanted "facilities for basic shopping purposes" for "the increasing number of Members who work full-time in the House".

Well, it might not yet be Supreme Power, but it's a start. Mr Beith brought out his large, brown, lightweight cardboard folder, flourishing this trapping of office with visible pride. Yes, he would look into the first matter, but he thought that the question of a supermarket on the premises was "a question which goes much wider".

Next up was Mr Tony Banks, who always seems to be up, ever ready with a cocksure crack and a loopy distress signal. Now, he wanted to worry about the

unpleasant working conditions for the staff of the Palace of Westminster, and, after jokes — stop it, it's hurting — about hot air, he complained that it was "one of the smallest, sweatiest workplaces" in the land and "should not be tolerated".

Mr Beith must have been tempted to blame it all on that pushy Mr Ashdown, always leaping up and down stairs two-at-a-time in his shirtsleeves, working up a fair old sweat. But he refrained. They had spent three-quarters of a million pounds on air conditioning in the kitchen, he said, adding, without even a glance at Mr Ashdown's empty seat, that more work was still needed.

Let us leave Mr Beith, now sedentary, cradling his large, brown, lightweight cardboard folder in his arms, a satisfied smile playing on his lips after a job well done, and turn to the next act. Mr John Wakeham, who seems overly laden with titles and posts. Normally Leader of the House, he was now answering questions as Lord President of the Council. What more could a man want?

But every robe of office has its moth, and no moth comes more persistent in its flapping than Mr Tam Dalyell. Mr Dalyell combines long-windedness with obscurantism, so it is often tricky to catch his drift, but he seemed to have been reading Mr Julian Critchley's biography of Michael Heseltine, and had dug from it further revelations on Westland. Of course, Mr Dalyell is capable of finding references to Westland in *Anne of Green Gables*, but still Mr Wakeham felt obliged to answer.

He had read the Heseltine biography, he revealed, while waiting for his son to be born last autumn, and he had nothing further to say. The House allowed this bizarre comment to pass without muster, but what sort of a man chooses to pore through a biography of Michael Heseltine while his wife is giving birth to their baby?

The heights of political life do strange and terrible things to a human being. Mr Alan Beith should learn and cast aside his large, brown, lightweight cardboard folder before it is too late.

Craig Brown

## Mother, sons die in desert

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his rescuers from whom he was later separated and stranded a second time when he was unable to repair a puncture because there was no jack in his car. He spent 15 hours in a hole he had dug with his hands, sheltering from a sandstorm, before he was finally rescued.

He learnt later that an Italian tourist had found the bodies of his wife and children.

Last night, the Tunisian

Tourist Office in London claimed that desert safety warnings are printed in brochures and include vital rules on using appropriate transport, taking a guide, informing the police and taking adequate provisions.

Mr Coombes, a Civil Servant with the Ministry of Agriculture, said last night: "We thought Douz was only a short distance away, but after about an hour we decided we could not go on. I sent my wife and children back to the car,

because there was a large water-tower next to it.

Mr Coombes walked through the night and by dawn, without water, he was still some miles from Douz when he came across a tractor.

"They were the first people I had seen. We decided to drive back to my car. It took us two and a half hours, but there was no sign of Jenny and the kids. We lifted my car out of the sand and then our two cars headed off to look for them."

## Swiss avalanche findings

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Some ski experts expressed surprise at the Swiss assertion that the party caused the avalanche. They believe it could have occurred naturally because of unstable weather conditions in the mountains.

An inquest into the death of Major Lindsay, aged 34, a former quarry to the Queen, will be held in London, but is not expected to be lengthy.

Yesterday's statement said the tragedy occurred as the Prince of Wales was leaving

his party down an extremely steep, unmarked slope above Klosters that he had skied dozens of times before.

The party included Major Lindsay, Mr Charles Palmer-Tomkinson and his wife Patricia, a ski guide, Herr Bruno Sprecher, and a Swiss detective. The Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York, who were on the same skiing holiday, returned to their chalet before the accident.

The avalanche caught Major Lindsay and Mrs Palmer-

Tomkinson, but she was rescued with the help of the Prince, her husband and Herr Sprecher, while the detective radioed for help.

The Swiss authorities noted that a regional avalanche warning was in effect above 1,600 metres (5,280ft) on the day of the accident and that the Prince's party was skiing at about 1,800 metres (5,940ft).

Their report said the group caused the avalanche. Other causes could be excluded.

## Outburst by Scargill

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authority, as his 1985 Labour conference attack on the Liverpool Militants.

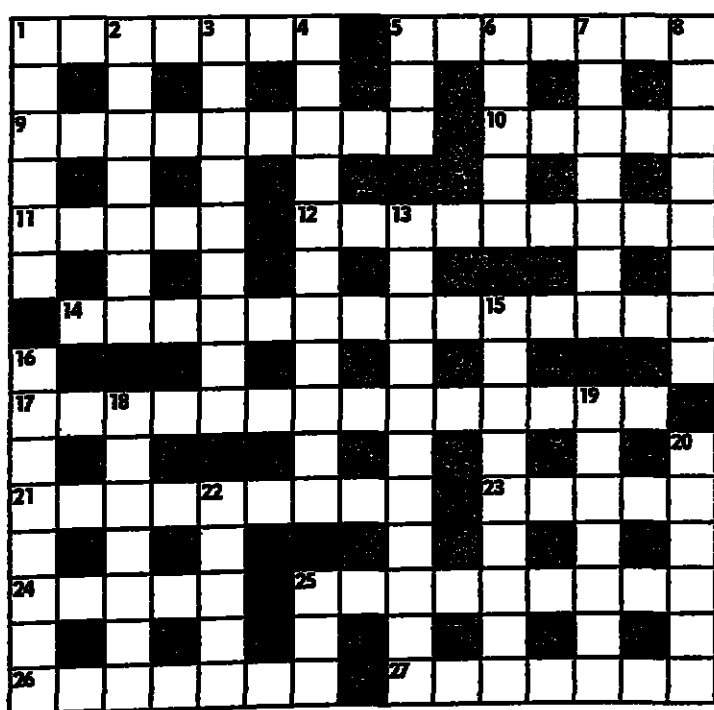
The NUM will today snub Mr Kinnoch by announcing that it is backing Mr John Prescott for the deputy leadership. It will back Mr Kinnoch for the leadership, despite Mr Scargill's claim yesterday that more NUM areas would have chosen Mr Tony Benn had they known he was going to be a candidate.

Yesterday there was a

noticeably muted response for Mr Scargill as he launched his most uncompromising denunciation of Mr Kinnoch's leadership. He called on the Labour movement to condemn the party leadership in seeking to destroy unilateralism, which in turn would destroy the Labour Party.

Mr Kinnoch's talk of "share ownership" and the "mixed economy" were "repulsive" and out of step with socialist thought, he added.

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,707



### ACROSS

- 1 Tea includes other sort of bun (7).
- 5 Such prescriptions need mixing, to be precise (7).
- 9 Jeered in military quarters (9).
- 10 Faith I attached to big contract (5).
- 11 Second drink for a greedy person (5).
- 12 Chips, for example, a valuable painting (3,6).
- 14 Sorting out bothers — role for this type (7-7).
- 17 Business actors controlled initially (7,7).
- 21 Fine example to keep party covered (4-5).
- 23 Just like rain? (5).
- 24 With this, possibly, bridge player starts (5).
- 25 It ends in current merger, as banks come together (9).
- 26 Music featured in newspaper and magazine (7).
- 27 Slight flaw in lens reflected colour (7).

### DOWN

- 1 Black is in fashion for this painter (6).
- 2 Occurring before noble and I join king (7).
- 3 Steps must be taken in case astronaut needs one (9).
- 4 Admit result of Education Bill takes precedence (11).
- 5 Disciplinary measure? (3).
- 6 Cathy's including a literary name for this (5).
- 7 Coat no ruddy child needed (7).
- 8 Overhead in Mexico, it appears dull or overcast (8).
- 13 Finds record that's set in bowling (11).
- 15 Suitable work on piano, or musical piece (9).
- 16 Kind not prepared to rise in struggle for power (5,3).
- 18 Making fast low circuit (7).
- 19 Coach and engine pulled up near one (7).
- 20 It's not going to be the persistent sort (6).
- 22 Little boys perform on green one (5).
- 25 Sort of square peg removed from round hole (3).

Concise crossword, page 22

## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

### DEODAND

- a. A masking scent
  - b. French card-knicker
  - c. Something given to God
- ZINFANDEL**
- a. A Moslem heretic
  - b. A kind of grape
  - c. A change at bell-ringing
- CIBELL**
- a. The old English gavotte
  - b. A prophetic
  - c. The marsh hyacinth
- FLUE**
- a. Down or fluff
  - b. A disorderly retreat
  - c. Field Light Underground Excavator

Answers on page 22, column 1

### Solution to Puzzle No 17,706

Across	Down
1. TEA	1. BLACK
2. CHIPS	2. CATHY
3. JERK	3. STEPS
4. FAITH	4. ADMIT
5. CONTRACT	5. DISCIPLINARY
6. PAINTING	6. CATHERINE
7. BOOTHERS	7. COAT
8. ROLLS	8. OVERHEAD
9. MILITARY	9. FINDS
10. BIG	10. RECORD
11. GREEDY	11. SET
12. VALUABLE	12. BOWLING
13. INITIALLY	13. MUSICAL
14. SORTING	14. WORK
15. CONTROLLED	15. PIANO
16. COVERED	16. KIND
17. LIKE	17. RISE
18. BRIDGE	18. STRUGGLE
19. STARTS	19. POWER
20. MERGER	20. MAKING
21. TOGETHER	21. FAST
22. NEWSPAPER	22. LOW
23. MAGAZINE	23. CIRCUIT
24. SLEIGHT	24. IT'S
25. FLAW	25. NOT
26. REFLECTED	26. GOING
27. COLOUR	27. BEING

## WEATHER

It will be another mainly cloudy day. The best of any sunshine will be in western areas, while northern and eastern coasts will have a little light rain or drizzle. South-eastern England will have some showers with thunder a possibility. Light showers are likely in western England and Wales. Temperatures will be near or a little above normal except near eastern coasts. Outlook: cloudy and unsettled.

### ABROAD

City	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Algeria	24-25	1-2	1-2
Amman	20-22	1-2	1-2
Baghdad	28-30	1-2	1-2
Bombay	28-30	1-2	1-2
Buenos Aires	20-22	1-2	1-2
Calcutta	28-30	1-2	1-2
Cairo	24-26	1-2	1-2
Colon	28-30	1-2	1-2
Hong Kong	28-30	1-2	1-2
London	12-14	1-2	1-2
Madras	28-30	1-2	1-2
Mumbai	28-30	1-2	1-2
New Delhi	28-30	1-2	1-2
Paris	12-14	1-2	1-2
Rangoon	28-30	1-2	1-2
Singapore	28-30	1-2	1-2
Tokyo	12-14	1-2	1-2
Yokohama	12-14	1-2	1-2

### AROUND BRITAIN

City	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Belfast	12-14	1-2	1-2
Birmingham	12-14	1-2	1-2
Bristol	12-14	1-2	1-2
Cardiff	12-14	1-2	1-2
Edinburgh	12-14	1-2	1-2
Glasgow	12-14	1-2	1-2
London	12-14	1-2	1-2
Manchester	12-14	1-2	1-2
Newcastle	12-14	1-2	1-2
Nottingham	12-14	1-2	1-2
Sheffield	12-14	1-2	1-2
Southampton	12-14	1-2	1-2
Stoke	12-14	1-2	1-2
Wolverhampton	12-14	1-2	1-2

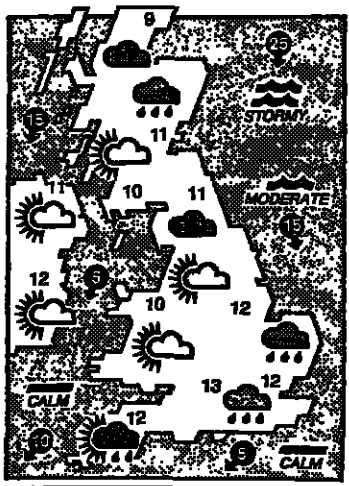
### HIGH TIDES

Location	Time	Height
London Bridge	12:42	12.2
Aberdeen	12:42	12.2
Amman	12:42	12.2
Baghdad	12:42	12.2
Bombay	12:42	12.2
Buenos Aires	12:42	12.2
Calcutta	12:42	12.2
Cairo	12:42	12.2
Colon	12:42	12.2
Hong Kong	12:42	12.2
London	12:42	12.2
Madras	12:42	12.2
Mumbai	12:42	12.2
New Delhi	12:42	12.2
Paris	12:42	12.2
Rangoon	12:42	12.2
Singapore	12:42	12.2
Tokyo	12:42	12.2
Yokohama	12:42	12.2

### THE POUND

Country	Rate
Australia	2.25
Canada	1.25
Denmark	1.25
France	6.55
Germany	2.36
Italy	1.36
Japan	163.00
Netherlands	2.20
Norway	4.80
Portugal	200.00
Spain	166.67
Sweden	4.66
Switzerland	2.00
USA	1.50
Yugoslavia	2.20

## AM



### LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 8 pm, 18C (64F); min 8 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 85 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1015.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars—29.53 in.

### POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 44 (low). Forecast for today, similar. For the next 24 hours call National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau, 0886 500431.

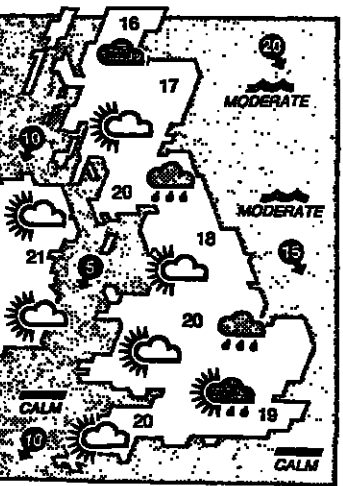
### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.32 pm to 4.17 am  
Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.26 am  
Edinburgh 10.33 pm to 4.00 am  
Manchester 10.12 pm to 4.15 am  
Penzance 10.50 pm to 4.45 am

### Full Moon Tomorrow

Sun rises: 4.46 am  
Sun sets: 9.22 pm  
Moon sets: 6.57 pm

## PM



### MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 85 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1015.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars—29.53 in.

### HIGHEST & LOWEST

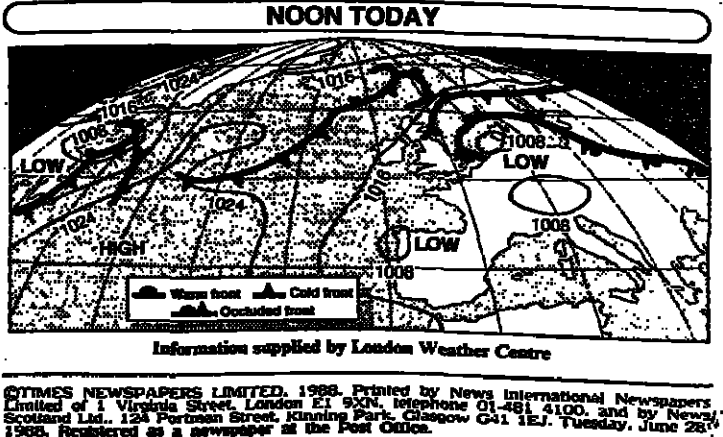
Sunday: Highest day temp: Preston, 24C (75F); lowest day temp: Burt, 12C (54F). Highest night temp: Manchester, 13C (55F); lowest night temp: Manchester, 10.3C (50.5F).

### TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 3.30 pm, 6.15 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.00 pm and 9.45 pm.

### YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.



Information supplied by London Weather Centre







## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Timpson pays £2m for shoe repair outlets

Timpson Shoe Repairs is to buy the 48 shoe repair outlets operated by the British Shoe Corporation in a £2 million deal. Most of the outlets are concessions in shoe shops and department stores and include the shoe repair shop in Selfridges, the busiest shoe repair outlet in the country. The acquisition gives Timpson 215 repair outlets.

Mr John Timpson, the chairman, said: "This is an important move in the development of our business, giving us the opportunity to increasingly utilize the facilities we have available at our head office. It gives us a further opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of transferring our proven retail formula to newly acquired outlets."

## £85m finance Sterling at for Arlington £1.7m pretax

Arlington Securities, the property developer, has arranged two financial facilities with a total worth of £85 million. A £35 million investment facility with a syndicate of banks, led by Hill Samuel, will fund the purchase of investment properties. In addition, the company has arranged a £50 million sterling commercial paper programme.

## Campbell lifts profits

A busy acquisition programme helped lift pre-tax profits at Campbell & Armstrong, the office and shopping company, to £1.9 million from £1 million in the year to March 27. Turnover surged from £6.89 million to £23.80 million. Actual organic growth, in both turnover and pretax profits, was 20 per cent, said Mr Ray Chambers, the chief executive.

## Hobson to buy Alutrade Broadcast in TV deal

Hobson, the USM-quoted metal trader and engineer, has paid £65,000 as an initial payment for Alutrade, a West Bromwich-based company which is engaged in waste aluminium reprocessing, of which £10,000 is in cash and the balance in new shares. Another £160,000 maximum is due depending on the profits in the two years to March 1990.

## AAF sells SA assets

AAF Investment Corporation, resident in South Africa for tax purposes and quoted under "miscellaneous financial" on the London Stock Exchange, is to sell its South African investment assets to its parent company. It will use the proceeds for non-SA interests. AAF will be restructured as the international arm of its parent, W&A Investment Corporation, which is buying AAF's 50.01 per cent stake in the motor-related company, Hunts.

Cash proceeds of the Hunts sale will total £16.2 million

## Warburg profit is not found wanting

SG Warburg, the merchant bank, was wondering at the interim stage last November whether it would ever make a profit again.

Even before the crash, there were too many investment bankers chasing too little business, and the much reduced volumes since the crash on October 19 has left many securities houses making painful decisions about what level of overheads they can sustain.

Yet shrinking turnover has not deterred other would-be global securities businesses who are apparently willing to pay any price to gain market share, in the process spoiling the market for the established companies.

It is against this background that Warburg's performance must be judged and it has not been found wanting. A 13 per cent pre-tax profit rise to £119 million was ahead of market expectations, although earnings per share slipped 9 per cent to 37.4p due to the higher number of shares in issue following the rights issue.

Markets remain difficult, and despite being smaller than some of its competitors, Warburg is seen as one of the few British securities houses which will still be around when the dust has settled.

Slowly, in the last few months, there has been some evidence that volumes on the London Stock Exchange are recovering. Compared with a high between March and October 19, 1987, when average

daily volumes were £1.36 billion, total equity turnover slumped to less than £800 million on some days.

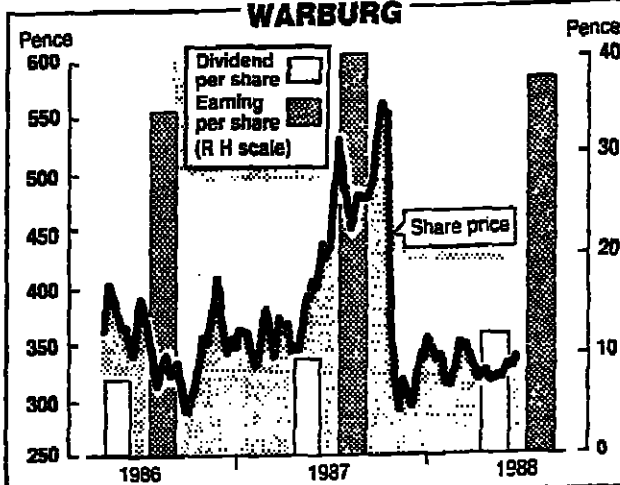
Recently, there have been quite a few days when turnover has exceeded £1 billion. But it is much harder to make money now that the bull phase is over. Share prices now go down as well as up, although Warburg will argue that Akroyd's jobbing skills can make it money in good times and bad.

Despite worldwide volatility both in both securities markets and currencies, Warburg's international aspirations remain undimmed, especially on the Continent.

Settlement there remains difficult and expensive, both for its own sales trading activities, and for its 75 per cent owned fund management business, Mercury Asset Management. But this should improve with time as the continental markets get more used to handling large volumes and dealing with overseas clients and exchanges.

In stable markets, it is difficult enough to predict the profitability of the investment banks, even harder when it is remembered that there are undisclosed transfers to hidden reserves. In current markets, the task is nearly impossible.

If Warburg makes £125 million this year, the prospective multiple is 8.5. For those looking to invest in financial markets, Warburg is the quality stock, and the 5 per cent yield is an added attraction.



## Trusthouse Forte

The long battle for control of the Savoy has deflected attention from the trading achievements of Trusthouse Forte.

So it was not surprising that Mr Rocco Forte, the chief executive, spent most of yesterday explaining his approach to Friday's crucial Savoy shareholders' meeting rather than concentrating on the solid performance behind the latest results.

Trusthouse Forte has been attempting for some time to put some zip into opening half figures as the greater part of the year's profit is produced in the second half. The effort is now beginning to show significant benefits as better marketing helps to fill hotel

bedrooms otherwise left vacant during the winter.

For the six months to the end of April, the group made pre-tax profits of £59 million, a rise of 37 per cent. Sales rose 13 per cent to £878 million and earnings per share are ahead by 37 per cent at 5.2p.

While the British hotels inevitably suffered from a fall in the number of US visitors — expected to show an overall drop at the end of the year of about 25 per cent — there was compensation in additional bookings from Japanese and European visitors.

Although they do not stay as long or spend as much as Americans, they helped push up occupancy levels by about 5 per cent. Significantly, the group says that none of its hotels traded at a loss during the first half.

There was a dramatic increase in the contribution

from the group's catering side, whose £22 million at the trading level now represents 31 per cent of overall profits, against 25 per cent a year ago. There still appears considerable scope for improving margins in this area of the business, much more so than on the hotel side where Trusthouse appears to be close to achieving improvements at the expense of standards.

The market is looking for full year profits of £220 million, and, underpinned by a forthcoming property revaluation, the shares at 255p, down 9p in yesterday's weak market, look good value.

## Dowty

The tragedy of the Air France A-320 Airbus crash on Sunday dampened Dowty's excitement in reporting a much improved set of 1987-88 results.

Components for the A-320 account for about 15 per cent of Dowty's outstanding order book so any hold-up in the Airbus programme would have an effect on profits.

However, initial information coming from Air France suggests there is no technical problem with the aeroplane, delays, if any, should have a minimal impact.

Adjusting for currency movements, profits jumped 21 per cent last year, or by 17 per cent stripping out the effect of acquisitions. Sales, after similar adjustment, were 14 per cent higher, so margins widened.

This is a very respectable performance, particularly against a background of poor demand for mining equipment and competitive pressures in the aerospace world. The management changes at Dowty have had a deep reaching effect not only on the group's future strategy but also on the attitudes of those further down the management ladder.

A positive rather than negative mood is sweeping through the group. Increasingly autonomous business units are encouraged to develop at their own pace. The recent success of the fast growing information technology division is a fine example of hidden potential within Dowty.

The management's attitude towards the more traditional parts of the group, especially mining equipment, has also altered. Gone are the days of business trying to expand the business into a depressed market. Now the aim is to contain it at profitable levels and redeploy the strong cash flow in other areas.

Dowty has the scope to enhance margins further this year — possibly up another percentage point to 12.5 per cent. Pre-tax profits should move up to £74 million, placing the shares on a p/e ratio of 9.5 times.

So long as this better quality earnings growth is sustained, the 10 per cent differential between Dowty's and the market's p/e should narrow.

## New JP for Howden case

A new magistrate began sitting yesterday in the court case involving the former chairman and three underwriters of Alexander Howden, the Lloyd's broking company, after the previous magistrate disqualified herself because of a conflict of interest.

Committal proceedings began at the City of London Guildhall on June 6 against the four, who face 72 charges of theft and conspiracy.

On Friday, Mrs Anne Mallinson, the magistrate, accepted a defence argument that a conflict of interest might arise because her husband is a Lloyd's insurance broker.

Mr Alan Jones, representing Mr Kenneth Grob, the former Howden chairman, said he did not believe a conflict actually existed but the public may perceive one.

The case will now be delayed until the end of July because the new magistrate, Mr James Dunn, can only sit this week and not again until July 25.

Mr Timothy Langdale, prosecuting, said that all witnesses required for the committal who have already been heard would not be called for a second time as Mr Dunn would be reading prosecution depositions.

Mr Grob, aged 65, faces 56 charges, including stealing \$1,135,910 (£667,000) from Alexander Howden.

The others accused of theft and conspiracy are Mr Ian Posgate, aged 56, the ex-Lloyd's underwriter; Mr Jack Carpenter, aged 66, the former deputy chairman of Alexander Howden; and Mr Colin Hart, aged 53, a former Lloyd's underwriter.

Only Mr Grob and Mr Posgate were in court yesterday as the other two defendants have been allowed bail until the end of the committal hearing.

## Guinness seeks buyer for Cranks

By Michael Tate

Guinness has put Cranks, the wholefood and vegetarian business which claims to have pioneered the boom in healthy eating, up for sale.

It is the latest of a string of disposals by the Dublin brewing group as part of its restructuring plans.

Cranks, founded in 1961 by Miss Daphne Swann, the non-executive chairman, Mrs Kay Carter and her late husband, Mr David Carter, was acquired by Guinness in late 1985.

It paid about £1 million for the business.

Today, under Mr James Fuller, who formerly worked for Trusthouse Forte, the hotels group, it runs restaurants, take-aways and shops from six sites in London.

It also has an outlet in Darlington, Devon. Cranks began life in London's Carnaby Street at the beginning of the Sixties, and has been patronized by the rich and famous over the years.

Sir Yehudi Menuhin and Paul McCartney are just two of its better-known customers, but the bulk of Cranks' business comes from the under-34 age group.

Turnover is running at about £4 million a year, but the cost of establishing a central food preparation unit in Islington, and opening two new outlets, is thought temporarily to have put the business into loss.

Net assets are worth about £3 million.

Health food is now the fastest growing segment of the catering market, but Guinness has decided that food no longer fits its overall strategy.

## Lager launch hits Eldridge, Pope

By Martin Waller

Eldridge, Pope, the Dorset brewer, increased pre-tax profits by just 8 per cent to £1.39 million in the half-year to the end of March, hit by promotional costs for Labatt's lager. The interim dividend is raised from 3.5p to 4p.

Mr Christopher Pope, the chairman, said Labatt's, which his company brews under licence, would make only a small contribution to profits in the current year. Its Canadian owner is covering the £6 million per year costs of the television advertising campaign aimed at establishing

the brand in this country. Mr Pope was optimistic that the heavy investment undertaken at the brewer would start to show benefits from now on — for the previous full-year profits only rose by 3 per cent at the pre-tax level.

Eldridge, Pope's market share dipped in the first half as a result of the increasing inroads made by lagers.

Meanwhile, its managed houses have been increased by about 10 per cent with the opening of eight public houses which will produce second-half benefits.

## WPP raises £112m in sale of Tokyo offices

By Our City Staff

WPP Group, the advertising agency, has sold for ¥25 billion (£112 million) the Japanese headquarters of the JWT Group, the US agency it bought last year. Mr John Symonds, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday.

The buyer is Nippon Life, the Japanese insurance group, and the deal has the clearance of the authorities in Tokyo. The sale will effectively halve borrowings to about \$100 million (£58.5 million) and will improve profits and earnings per share.

For the group as a whole 1988 results were well on budget, said Mr Symonds.

Since the start of the year WPP had won the equivalent of more than \$350 million in new billings, while JWT, in the last four weeks alone, had gained new assignments totalling more than \$100 million. He promised shareholders a further report on the cost-cutting programme at JWT with the interim figures.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

## WOOLTONS (fin)

Pre-tax: £1.25 (£1.2m)

EPS: 8.94 (8.63p)

Div: 3, mkg 4.4 (2.5p)

## CELESTION (fin)

Pre-tax: 0.07 (0.76m)

EPS: 0.6 (2.4p)

Div: 1 (1p)

## DOCTUS (fin)

Pre-tax: £0.82 (0.38m)

EPS: 4.3 (3.1p)

Div: 0.5 (0.25p)

## Trading volumes higher than forecast. Acquisition of three companies. European options being researched.

Turnover £43.32m (£43.79m).

Pre-tax loss on clothing 297 (profit £21). Sound reproduction profit up.

Stimulating prospects for the group. Since the effective reversal into Smith Whitworth, losses turned into profit.

## MERCURY ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP plc

## RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1988

Profit before tax was £39.1 million, an increase of 71 per cent over the previous year.

Earnings per Ordinary Share increased by 59 per cent, on a pro forma basis.

The directors propose a final dividend of 9p, making a total of 12p for the year.

## THE CHAIRMAN, MR. PETER STORMONTH DARLING, COMMENTS:

"The past year has been one of exceptional volatility in financial markets. Despite this and the fall in stockmarkets over the year, the value of funds under our management increased by £1.6 billion to £23.0 billion, reflecting a good level of new business gained in all parts of the group. We retained our leading position in the management of UK pension fund portfolios and made substantial progress in our international business. We believe that, notwithstanding the challenges we face at the present time, the resources of our group enable us to look forward to the future with confidence."

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# More profit, and real progress.

(Just two of the things Dowty made in the last year.)

Financial Highlights	87 £m	88 £m
Turnover	573.5	624.8
Profit before tax	55.7	64.1
Dividend per share	6.2p	7.0p
Earnings per share	16.6p	18.7p

With profit before tax up by 15.1%, and EPS by 12.7%, on turnover up by 8.9% to £624.8 million, we made excellent financial progress in the year to 31st March 1988.

And we also made real progress in the reorganising and restructuring of the Group, so we are poised for continuing growth.

When you consider that at the same time we've been making products which range from landing gear for Airbus, to submarine command systems for the Royal Navy, to VDU terminals for Reuters, you may wonder what we intend to make in the future.

Quite simply, even more encouraging reading for our shareholders.

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# Dowty shares sparkle as profit jumps to £64.1m

By Alexandra Jackson

Shares in Dowty Group, the engineering and electronics company, bucked the market's trend yesterday and jumped 7p to 199p after a good set of 1987-88 results. Pre-tax profits rose from £55.7 million to £64.1 million on sales 9 per cent higher at £624.8 million.

Lord Harrowby, the chairman, said: "I think we have done well and hope this will mark the beginning of a re-rating for the company."

"With the steps being taken to improve the businesses and a £600 million order book, the prospects for 1988-89 look encouraging."

Earnings per share for the year to end-March rose 13 per cent to 18.7p. A final dividend of 4.2p was declared, making a total of 7p for the year. Shareholders may opt for a scrip dividend instead.

Dowty translates overseas earnings at year-end exchange rates. Current movements, particularly volatile in the final quarter, knocked £3.1 million off pre-tax profits. The redundancy costs were, however, lower at £1.4 million against £3.2 million in 1986-87.

Exceptional provisions of £14.7 million were made for closures, disposals and rationalization, against a charge of £6 million last year, which was offset by a tax write-back of £20 million.

Acquisitions added £2.1 million to pre-tax profits, but their cost, £6.2 million, led to a jump in the interest charge from £2.8 million to £8 million. The gearing ratio rose from 11 to 41 per cent.

Mr Tony Thatcher, group



Looking for a re-rating: Reg Moore, finance director (left), Tony Thatcher, group chief executive (centre) and Lord Harrowby, chairman (Photograph: James Morgan)

chief executive, pointed out that the increase in debt was deliberate. "We are able to borrow money at 10 per cent but earn a 22 per cent return on our capital."

Mr Thatcher went on to explain that Dowty had left behind the period of flat earnings and was on a growth path. "We are spending a lot of time on our strategy," he said, "particularly on setting new targets to enhance earnings per share."

Cutting costs as well as clearly defining businesses to be developed in future were

also high priorities, he said. The aerospace division, Dowty's largest single operation, accounts for about a third of group sales. Operating profits rose last year from £25.6 million to £29.6 million but margins were under pressure.

The group is expecting strong growth from the civil aircraft market, particularly from larger aeroplanes. Dowty sells \$100 million (£59 million) of civil aircraft products to Boeing each year, compared with \$34 million to British Aerospace. The defence con-

tent of Dowty's work with BAe would add another 50 per cent to the latter figure.

As expected, sales and profits from mining equipment division were depressed at £144.4 million and £10.5 million respectively against £171.5 million and £11.9 million the previous year.

By contrast, the star performer was the information technology business, where profits soared 70 per cent to £9 million on sales up from £49.4 million to £62.8 million.

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## Norway wins Govan for £6m

By Colin Narbrough

The Government yesterday announced it had agreed to sell the Govan yard on Clydeside, owned by British Shipbuilders, to Kvaerner Industrial, the Norwegian shipyard, for £6 million. The net cost of the disposal to the loss-making BS, however, would be up to £25 million.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Trade and Industry Minister, said Kvaerner had already secured an order for two gas ships to be built at Govan with state aid, with an option for two further vessels, to be confirmed this year, providing work for the yard until well into 1992.

He said agreement with Kvaerner brought the "promise of a secure future" for the yard for which BS had not been able to win further orders beyond the two ships for China announced last year.

Kvaerner had also confirmed its intention to transfer its ship technology to Scotland and develop Govan as its world centre for gas tanker technology, Mr Clarke said. There was also a possibility of further investment by this leading engineering group.

Mr Clarke, pledged to privatizing all of BS, said: "I welcome the achievement of this agreement as I am sure will be the people of Scotland in particular. I look forward to welcoming Kvaerner to these shores once the final hurdles have been cleared."

The deal still requires approval from the European Commission on certain points, but the Government expects completion by early August, allowing Kvaerner to take over after Govan's annual summer holiday.

BS will have to meet the costs of completing the Chinese order, redundancies and part of the capital investment programme Kvaerner plans for the yard. There will be no write-offs.

The assets and workforce will be transferred to a new company, Govan Kvaerner Ltd, a Scottish-registered firm. Although Kvaerner plans to cut the workforce by 500 to 1,350, shipbuilders at the yard have voted three to one in favour of the takeover.

Mr Bruce Millan, Labour MP for Govan and former Scottish Secretary, called the package agreement an "absolute giveaway," which demonstrated the Government's determination to dispose of the yard at any price.

"Rather than Kvaerner buying the yard, they are being given it with a bonus thrown in," he said.

## COMMENT

### Budget's warm glow turns to fire

The "question of what level, within a wide range, the current account of the balance of payments is in a particular year is really a very second-order matter." So said the Chancellor on March 30, in evidence to the Treasury and Civil Service Committee and so, presuming he could extract his foot from his mouth, he would still be saying now.

But yesterday's trade figures show that the current account has become, very definitely, a first-order matter. In fact, with Britain's current account deficit, as a percentage of gross domestic product, now running above that of the United States, the trade figures hold the key both to the continuation of the recovery and to whether there can be a permanent change in world perceptions about the economic renaissance here.

When the Chancellor made his comments to the Treasury committee, he was still basking in the warm glow generated by his Budget. Now that same Budget is seen to have stoked up an already overheating economy. The record £1.2 billion current account deficit for May, and the £4.7 billion explosion of red ink for the first five months of the year, make a full-year deficit of £10 billion uncomfortably plausible. Exports are suffering from sterling's strength rather than from subdued growth in world markets. Certainly there has been nothing very subdued about the United States in recent months and yet, in the latest three months, exports to North America slumped by 10 per cent, while imports rose by 14 per cent.

Imports, which now appear to have embarked on a new, and worrying, upward trend after a somnolent first quarter, are clearly benefiting from the strong growth in domestic demand in Britain, but they are also gaining as a result of industry's cumulative loss of competitiveness in recent months. Meanwhile, invisibles, now running at a surplus of just £500 million a month, are no longer the saviour they were.

And the only weapon the Chancellor has at hand to do anything about all this is the wrong one. The base rate rise, probably today and possibly a full percentage point, should trigger off the rise in mortgage rates that the authorities have had in mind for some time. But the current buoyancy of the housing market and of house prices, makes the level of mortgage rates almost "a second-order matter" in its likely effects. The latest survey from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, out today, suggests that, if anything, the housing boom is gaining pace.

Higher base rates will, otherwise, leave the consumer untouched. Competition for credit is bringing down the interest rates on plastic cards, albeit slowly, in an area where consumers are notoriously interest-insensitive. The main route through which higher base rates could improve the current account is if industry, discouraged by the combination of a higher pound and higher interest rates, scraps investment plans and cancels its orders for imported capital goods. Sadly, there may be no alternative.

### Showdown for Sir Ernest

Racal's chairman, Sir Ernest Harrison, faces a difficult day today. In revealing plans for the flotation of Vodafone, he has to be all things to all men. The task resembles a jog through a minefield, and there are a number of interested parties waiting for him to put a foot wrong.

The big battalions of the professional investors have already shown Sir Ernest the polite City equivalent of football's yellow card. These self-appointed guardians of shareholder supremacy already fear the worst. While ensuring Racal of their support for any actions it wishes to take, they lay down an impossible caveat. It must be in the best interests of existing shareholders, they say. On a strict, theological interpretation, this would lead to the shares in Vodafone being priced at a level which ensures they do not trade at a premium. This is hardly an incentive to would-be buyers and in practice impossible to achieve with certainty.

The institutions are on more familiar ground when they call for their pre-emptive rights to be recognised. This would mean that they have first refusal on any shares in Vodafone which are offered for sale. Ahead of today's announcement, it is likely that Racal is

planning to over-ride the rights of existing shareholders in the interests of cashing in on what are, to British eyes, absurdly high valuations placed on cellular radio stocks by eager US investors, and also of boosting its US shareholders' base. The latter is a corporate objective quite impossible to price in money terms, but valuable nevertheless.

The institutions would do well to remember that the US dimension is vital to the whole exercise. By British custom and practice, Vodafone is scarcely worth £1.2 billion, let alone the £2 billion which Racal's adviser, the US house Goldman Sachs, has been suggesting on transatlantic appraisal methods. At its most basic, the Vodafone flotation will enhance the value of Racal by selling an asset for a far higher price than would be possible domestically. A good deal of this added value has already accrued to holders over the past few weeks. For Racal's share price has soared ahead of the event. If there is to be a showdown with institutions it should be over Sir Ernest's right to manage and not over more arcane technicalities. So far, he has proved sure-footed.

## Abbey Members denied platform

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

Abbey Members Against Flotation, the pressure group which is fighting the Abbey National Building Society's plan to become a public limited company held a meeting with top Abbey executives yesterday.

But Mr Alexander Sandison, one of the founder members of the group, said that Sir Campbell Adamson, the chairman, and Mr Peter Birch, the chief executive, were adamant that the opposition group would not be allowed a platform to air its views.

He said the group was told it would not be allowed to include its leaflets with official Abbey communications about the conversion from mutual status to a plc and would not

be allowed a right of reply at Abbey roadshows planned to explain its benefits.

A spokesman for the Abbey said that it became clear at the meeting that the group's four representatives were opposed to conversion in principle "without knowing the full facts."

"We do not recognize them as being representative of a significant body of our members," he added.

Mr Michael Bridgeman, The Building Societies Commissioner, told building societies that they would have to tell their members all about conversion and not just point out the advantages. The group hoped that this would give them an official voice but Abbey believes it can inform members fully itself.

## FNFC jumps 36% to interim £30.5m

By Carol Ferguson

Buoyant consumer credit, and a strong performance from the property division, allowed pre-tax profits at First National Finance Corporation to soar 36 per cent to £30.5 million for the half year to April 30.

Profits from the highly seasonal property division nearly doubled from £3.6 million to £6.2 million, but Mr Tom Wrigley, the chief executive, gave a warning not to expect second half profits to double as well. "We sell more property in the second half, but last year we had a very severe winter so there were fewer completions. This year we had a mild winter, making for more sales," he said.

The commercial lending division declined as the buoyant economy enabled many borrowers to pay back their loans faster. But in the first half,

commercial lending profits rose by 23 per cent to £5.7 million. Mr Wrigley said that the division had been reorganized with new people. "We have cranked up our new business effort, and increased our book," he said.

On the consumer credit side, he said that despite the rise in business the bad debt experience had been marginally better. "The consumer credit default levels are quite well down on last year, and bad debt write-offs are down in percentage terms," Mr Wrigley said. Profits from this source jumped 23 per cent to £20.3 million.

The group's earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 13.8p fully diluted, and the interim dividend was increased 17 per cent to 3.5p net.

## Libya pegs prices to N Sea Brent level

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Opec's disarray over its price and production formula has been increased by announcements that Libya is now pegging its prices to the North Sea Brent level and that the United Arab Emirates has renewed its demand for an increased output quota.

Prices on the world spot markets have continued their slow, downward spiral with Brent being quoted yesterday at \$15.15 a barrel for many deals and some traders

suggesting that the \$15 a barrel mark will be breached this week.

Brent crude is now the most widely traded on the spot market - West Texas Intermediate is the best selling crude on the futures market and most Arab crudes are still sold on contract terms - but the new link between the Brent price and Libyan crude is significant.

The announcement by Libya that it will price its grades of crude, Zucitina,

Bregha, Sirica, Es Sider, Sarir and Amna, at levels pegged to Brent was made by the country's Brega International Marketing Company. Oil supplied as part of debt repayment schemes and in exchange for capital equipment will still be priced according to the official Opec formula.

The demand for a quota - up from 0.948 million barrels a day to 1.5 million - was made by the cabinet of the United Arab Emirates and supports the stance taken at the recent Opec meeting by Dr

Mana Saeed Al Otaiba, its oil minister.

The two moves, which follow Saudi Arabia's announcement of discounts to its US contract customers is leading to renewed speculation and demands from within some sectors of Opec that a full-scale ministerial meeting is needed to approve a new price and output agreement which will have to be firmly adhered to if Opec is to achieve its target of sending the world price back to \$18 a barrel.

## No choice for Hobson

John Hobson, property analyst at Warburg Securities, stoically manned his desk yesterday afternoon after barely two hours' sleep. For the 23-year-old had been up all night with his four team mates after their success in winning The Gold Cup, Britain's most important annual bridge championship. The tenth and final round of the tournament - which started last autumn - ended shortly before midnight on Sunday in Harrogate. "We had some champagne to celebrate and then had to drive down to London," says Hobson. "I didn't get to bed until 6.45am and at 9am I telephoned the office to say I wouldn't be in but they told me I was needed for a lunchtime meeting." Hobson, who started playing bridge when he was 13, had never been past the fifth round before. His victory means that he is now one of the youngest ever British bridge champions. His team mates, all ex-university chums, are of a similar age. They were Richard Plackett, a former dealer-turned-accountant, actuary Andrew Dawson, Peter Crouch, who works for building group Costain, and Julian Bacon.

### Ici ICI

ICI directors living it up in Paris last week for their second overseas board meeting - last summer the venue was New York - apparently had to fight their way through hordes of Michael Jackson fans besieging the Hotel Crillon,

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### Seven on the up and up

Hoare Govett Securities dismissed seven of its UK equity salesmen last week and has, in one fell swoop, replaced them with seven recruits, in an attempt to "reorganize" its sales desk. The recruits include Simon Clegg, head of sales at Pru-Bache, and three of his colleagues, Mark Anderson, Chai Chante and Rupert Henson, as well as Douglas Gordon, senior sales-

### Geoff's cross

When Geoffrey Wilson, the chairman of property group Greycoat, attempted to enter his company's own development site at Charing Cross to pose for a press photograph, he found his way barred by a vigilant security guard. Despite his business card, the guard refused to give way. "I don't care who you are," he steadfastly replied, "you're not allowed in." Eventually, a Greycoat official already on the site came to the rescue. To his credit, the by now hot and bothered Wilson kept his cool enough to congratulate the guard on doing such a thorough job. "He was doing exactly what he ought to be doing," he said later. Not the reaction of some autocratic chairmen one could think of...



"Let's raise base rate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays"

## Chinese takeaway

It is good to learn that life goes on at Semperfresh, the Reading manufacturer of edible fruit and vegetable coatings. The company, which published its prospectus for its aborted stock market flotation just before the October crash - the impact day press conference was held on Black Monday - is, I hear, planning a second attempt at going public. The news leaked out yesterday when it announced a joint venture contract with the People's Republic of China: a factory is to be built to manufacture Semperfresh for use throughout China thus enhancing the export potential of fresh Chinese produce. The sheer size of China means it spans several climates and, given the natural shelf life of most perishable products, certain home-grown fruits have not been available to all the people. "Our agreement will mean, for example, that tropical fruits like bananas and pineapples can be moved north," says chairman Fraser Imrie, "while apples and pears grown in the north can be sold in good condition in the south."

● Sweet irony across the Atlantic in Nestle's takeover of Rowntree. It seems Rowntree licenses Kit Kat and Rolo to Nestle's US rival, Hershey Foods Corp, which says: "Our attorneys say the acquisition won't affect Hershey Foods' rights under the licence." The licence extends to 2005 and is, I am told, renewable at Hershey's option.

Carol Leonard

**Magnet**

## RECORD PROFITS

Year ended 31st March	1988 £'000	1987 £'000	Increase
Turnover	375,558	318,708	18%
Profit before tax	57,518	44,173	30%
Earnings per share	18.9p	15.8p	20%
Dividend per share	6.9p	6.0p	15%

"I am confident that the emphasis we are placing on retailing, together with the strengthening of our management team, will ensure a highly successful future for the Group."

Tom Duxbury  
Chairman  
27th June 1988

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## STOCK MARKET

## Almost £4bn wiped from equities

Dealers are bracing themselves for another rise in interest rates following the worst-ever set of trade figures which sent the pound into a nose-dive on the world's money markets yesterday.

The Bank of England is expected to signal Britain's high street banks to raise their base lending rates above the current 9 per cent — although there is still a question mark about how big the increase will be. Most estimates are that it will be half a point.

But some economists are claiming that it could be as high as one percentage point. Either way, it has taken most

Expect important news today from Blue Circle Industries about its cement division. Mr Jim McColligan, divisional chief executive, is expected to reveal a price increase. BCI has not yet matched increases of about 5 per cent announced recently by Castle Cement and Rugby.

of the steam out of share prices and scuppered any hopes of the FT-SE 100 index breaching the 1,900 level during this account.

News of the record trade deficit wiped almost £4 billion from the value of publicly-quoted companies as market-makers moved quickly to mark prices sharply lower as a defensive move.

The speed of the mark-down left many investors high and dry and unable to deal as the Stock Exchange's computers went into overdrive. It was a play that appeared to work with less than 400 million shares traded by the close of business.

One market-maker commented: "It could have been worse but we were able to absorb the sellers."

A hesitant start to trading on Wall Street did little to soothe frayed nerves, although

share prices in London managed to close above their worst levels. The FT-SE 100 index finished 29.8 lower at 1,841.5, having been 36.4 points down at its worst. The narrower FT index, extended an earlier fall of 5.5 to end the day 26.8 lower at 1,468.1.

Blue chips bore the brunt of the shake-out — especially those sectors which are vulnerable to high borrowing, like stores and properties. Glaxo lost 15p to 958p, ICI, 11p to 974p and Bass, 15p to 794p.

There were also losses in Great Universal Stores "A", 16p to £10.10, John Menzies, 9p to 342p, Burton Group, 7p to 228p, Storehouse, 8p to 254p, MEPC, 12p to 542p, Land Securities, 10p to 571p and Greycoat Group, 14p to 415p.

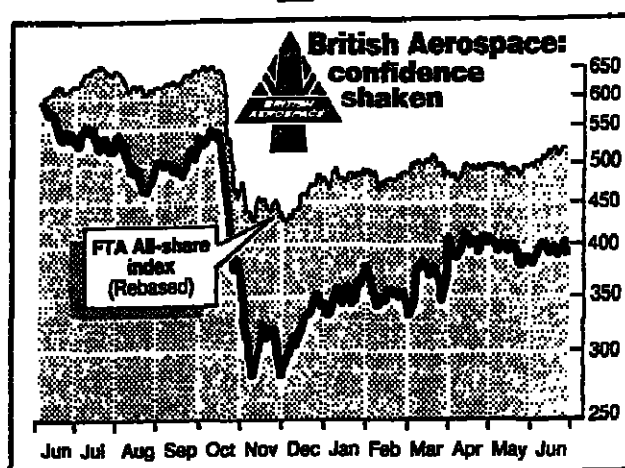
The threatened lurch towards dealer money left government securities nursing losses of almost £1.

News of the French airliner crash during the weekend meant a setback for British Aerospace which supplies the wings for the Airbus consortium and is its second biggest contractor. The price ended 8p lower at 399p, although dealers claim that the selling has been overdone.

They point out that BAE's civil aviation side is still loss-making and is likely to remain so until well into the 1990s. The A320 is the latest Airbus to be launched and hopes are high that it will help to stem the loss of revenue from other projects within the division.

The group still makes the bulk of its profits from the military and aerospace divisions. Pretax profits last year tumbled into the red — from a profit of £182.2 million — as a result of growing development costs and the weaker dollar.

Amid the gloom, Borthwicks, the food processing group, stood out with a rise of 9p to 68p, after 71p, on talk



that Mr Asil Nadir's Polly Peck International, the packaging and overseas trading group, is holding a near 5 per cent stake.

It is hoped that Mr Nadir will launch a full bid with dealers talking in terms of an offer of 90p a share, valuing Borthwicks at £47 million.

Borthwicks has undergone a dramatic reconstruction under the guidance of Mr Lewis Robertson, the chair-

man, and recently revealed encouraging interim results, showing pretax profits up from £37,000 to £511,000. The group incurred losses of £2.1 million in the year to September 1987.

Dealers say that Borthwicks will make a perfect fit for Polly Peck which has expanded rapidly of late.

Last month, it paid £36 million for Rainbow Orient, a Hong Kong group, and more

recently £6.7 million for the New York-based Previor Marketing International, an importer-exporter of fresh fruit and vegetables and £9.4 million for Jas van den Brink, one of the Netherlands' largest fresh produce importers.

Polly Peck International closed 5p lower at 298p.

Gibbs Mew, the USM-listed brewery, in which Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, has a 5.2 per cent stake, jumped by 25p to 313p on persistent buying.

Whispers suggest that Sir Ron, who recently surprised the City by selling his 5.8 per cent stake in Scottish & Newcastle Breweries to Elders IXL, the Australian brewery, is now looking at the smaller brewer.

The shares have risen from the 240p level since Sir Ron took his stake.

Vaux, the Sunderland-based brewery and hotel operation, in which Sir Ron also holds a small stake, relinquished 5p to 600p.

Yorkshire Television rose by 3p to 187p as County Natwest Woodmac, the broker, published a buy circular.

The broker believes that television contractors have been oversold as a result of the uncertainties surrounding the policy debate and are now looking cheap. Price-earnings ratios are low and yields attractive compared with the market's 4.1 per cent.

Growth opportunities in the shape of programme-making for the expanding television network — which will soon include satellite operations — also provides investors with a long-term attraction.

County Natwest Woodmac is particularly keen on Yorkshire because the shares stand at a 12-month low, while the group has increased its Super Channel stake and is seeking joint ventures and relationships to give it the best chance of exploiting its programme-making skills.

Other recommendations are Central, unchanged at 545p, Thames, 1p lower at 320p and TV South, 2p off at 326p.

Bulls of Commercial Union, the composite insurer, were confused as the price fell by 12p to 380p on a turnover of 2.4 million shares.

Selling was started by the news that Adelaide Steamship, Mr John Spalvin's Australian group, had reduced its stake in the company from 8 per cent to 7.8 per cent.

But dealers are still pinning their hopes on a bid for CU emerging. Winterthur, the Swiss group, which has hinted that it is looking for acquisitions in Europe is one

Wooltons Betterware, the USM-listed, Midlands-based curtains and homeware business, fell by 10p to 125p on disappointment with the annual figures, showing a modest 3.5 per cent increase in pretax profits. The final dividend is lifted from 2.5p to 3p, making 4.4p for the year.

Cadbury Schweppes fell by 10p to 408p, after 402p, on a turnover of 5.5 million shares in the absence of bid developments.

Jacobs Suchard, the Swiss chocolate maker, had been expected to make a move after pocketing a £200 million profit from the disposal of its Rowntree stake. But some dealers maintain that General Cinema of the US, with 18.4 per cent, must remain the favourite to bid.

Nevertheless, some speculators have grown tired of waiting for someone to make a move and have decided to cash in some of their profits. Shares of Cadbury have risen by 90p over the period.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

## RECENT ISSUES

## EQUITIES

ASW	185 -1	ASW	185 -1
Acad	148	Acad	148
Angley Mines	280	Angley Mines	280
Angley Westward	148	Angley Westward	148
Arthur Shaw	111 -1	Arthur Shaw	111 -1
Bergersen A	229 1/4	Bergersen A	229 1/4
Bergersen B	228 1/4	Bergersen B	228 1/4
Colony	165 -1	Colony	165 -1
Conroy Pet	61	Conroy Pet	61
Dauphin	108 -2	Dauphin	108 -2
Drayton Far Eastm	267 -3	Drayton Far Eastm	267 -3
Eurocap	100 -2	Eurocap	100 -2
First Iberian	55 1/2	First Iberian	55 1/2
Gardall Tech	117 -1	Gardall Tech	117 -1
HFC Group	111	HFC Group	111
Herming Sun (150p)	152 +1	Herming Sun (150p)	152 +1
Isopad Int	119 -1	Isopad Int	119 -1
Jackson Group	117 -1	Jackson Group	117 -1
Kymene Corp	518 -1	Kymene Corp	518 -1
Morris Ashby (90p)	93	Morris Ashby (90p)	93
Ordnance Eng	91 -10	Ordnance Eng	91 -10
Reicham Env (155p)	236 -3	Reicham Env (155p)	236 -3
Sanderson Inc	136	Sanderson Inc	136
Scot Ice Rink	85 -1	Scot Ice Rink	85 -1
Southwest	144 -1	Southwest	144 -1
TGI (130p)	144 -1	TGI (130p)	144 -1
Tams (John)	93	Tams (John)	93
Thomsons (125p)	132 -1	Thomsons (125p)	132 -1
Wardell Pco	67	Wardell Pco	67
Waterman Part (140p)	133	Waterman Part (140p)	133
Young (145p)	171	Young (145p)	171

## RIGHTS ISSUES

Grand Cent N/P	2 -3	Grand Cent N/P	2 -3
Hunterprint N/P	16	Hunterprint N/P	16
Kali Energy N/P	2 1/4	Kali Energy N/P	2 1/4
Kwik-Fit N/P	57 +1	Kwik-Fit N/P	57 +1
Nat Aust Bk N/P	30 +9	Nat Aust Bk N/P	30 +9
Select App N/P	76 -2	Select App N/P	76 -2
Telenor N/P		Telenor N/P	
Westpac Bk N/P		Westpac Bk N/P	

(Issue price in brackets)

## WALL STREET

## Shares fall after Fed sells dollars

New York (Reuters) — The market experienced broad, moderate losses in early trading yesterday after the Federal Reserve sold dollars in the foreign exchange market. Declines in the dollar and bonds after the Fed's action sent stock-index futures prices to discounts, prompting futures-linked selling.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 7 points lower at 2,135.96. Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by seven to three in active trading.

Public Service of New Hampshire rose by 1/4 to 5. The company may be forced into liquidation under the bankruptcy petition filed this year. The Dow average fell by 5.33 to 2,142.96 on Friday.

● Tokyo — Prices closed lower because of continued worry about how high the dollar can climb and the repercussions of rising yen-dollar exchange rates.

The Nikkei Dow index lost 121.20 points, or 0.44 per cent, to 27,435.01. It sank by 194.18 points in the half-day's trading on Saturday. Volume expanded to 850 million shares against 600 million.

● Hong Kong — Shares weakened in afternoon trading, following rises in the morning, on market uncertainty about both local and overseas economic conditions.

The Hang Seng index fell by 17.9 to close at 2,689.66 while the broader-based Hong Kong index dropped by 12.10 to 1,779.67. Turnover rose to HK\$1.33 billion (£97.8 million) from Friday's HK\$1.23 billion.

A local broker said: "I was surprised to see the market up this morning, because there were already lots of sellers."

Brokers said that property shares eased after another rise in interest rates.

● Frankfurt — Share prices ended a quiet day about 1 per cent lower, undermined by the expectation that the Bundesbank will raise the discount rate by 0.5 of a point to 3 per cent at its council meeting on Thursday.

The Commerzbank's 60-share index, calculated at midday, rose by 7.3 points or 0.5 per cent to 1,438.1.

The Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index, calculated four times during the day, closed 3.73 points or 1.2 per cent down at 307.19.

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## TECHNOLOGY

## IBM seeks a poll tax share

By Robert Matthews  
Technology Correspondent

IBM last week revealed that it has joined forces with a council-owned computer company to help local authorities in Britain collect the poll tax, a task of such complexity that critics have argued that it would make the charge unworkable.

Scottish councils will be the first users of the system, which will be given a trial run with the Borders regional council in the autumn. The poll tax is due to be launched in Scotland next April.

The involvement of the American computer giant in the poll tax debate emerged after the launch last week of its new range of minicomputers, the AS/400 series which is designed to counter the success of machines made by the company's far smaller, yet increasingly successful, rivals.

Both announcements will be of particular interest to the many councils which are desperately trying to estimate the level of technological

help they will need to administer the poll tax.

Time is running out for the Scottish councils, as the delivery times of large computers can be as long as six months, and hundreds of personnel will have to be trained to use the new technology by next April.

Under the current rates system, charges are levied on individual properties, making collection relatively simple.

However, the introduction of the poll tax means that individuals must have their eligibility to be charged assessed, and their whereabouts monitored from birth to death.

The switch from the dwelling-based rates system to the individual-based poll tax alone will cause a 250 per cent jump in the number of transactions that must be processed. Records stretching back decades will also have to be incorporated.

IBM has become involved in a project with Warwickshire Computing, a software company part-owned

by Warwickshire County Council, which was set up last summer. The aim is to produce programs that will enable councils to cope effectively with the collection.

Alan Rylett, the operations director of Warwickshire Computing, said last week that councils faced a major task in setting up the technology needed, and that his company had already been approached by some for help: "We're working desperately to size the problem".

IBM's new range of minis will be capable of running the poll tax programs now being developed. The AS/400 series is the result of what IBM claimed was the biggest-ever undertaking in computer hardware and software in its history.

The new machines are capable of dealing with up to 45,000 complex commercial transactions an hour, and cost up to £153,000 each.

Their power lies in their ability to be continuously added to as the size of a task increases.

IBM hopes this will prove attractive

to local authorities, and will help give the company a bigger share in the public sector computer market currently dominated by ICL, the UK computer company.

The company also aims to exploit the fact that the small to medium-sized companies which predominantly use minicomputers now constitute the largest, fastest-growing sector of the world's economy.

Other computer companies such as DEC and Hewlett-Packard have enjoyed considerable success by selling minicomputers into this sector. IBM hopes to both rob its rivals of their market share and boost its own revenues, which have started to miss targets now that sales of mainframe computers, long IBM's principal strength, have begun to fall.

The unveiling of the new machines was followed by the launch by both IBM and software companies of more than 1,000 software products, the largest ever simultaneous applications announcement.

RICHARD HADLEY

## PERSPECTIVE

## The true cost and value of using PCs



By Geoff Jarvis  
Managing consultant at Peat  
Marwick McLintock

There has been a phenomenal growth in the number of people using computers since the introduction of the IBM Personal Computer in 1981.

Plainly, the PC provides non-computer staff with a range of facilities that until six years ago had been unavailable to them.

They are able to manipulate their own or extracted data; decide when and how to use their applications; and they are able to own their own data.

Considering this growth, it is interesting to examine the expectations of management for the use of this relatively new technology.

Initially, the purchase of the equipment was very much an act of faith. The new technology was unproven, and many were unsure of the benefits which it was expected to deliver. In any case, the investment required was so little that it was perfectly acceptable to experiment.

Benefits at the personal level were fairly obvious and in many organizations users began to encourage further growth after seeing the ways in which they could improve their individual productivity.

Unfortunately, this user-driven growth in many cases has not had adequate management in order for its effective use. The data processing manager's traditional approach to the growth of the PC was that it was not serious and therefore needed little attention.

However, when a company's finance department discovers that the corporate investment in PCs has run into huge amounts, it realizes that control is needed and, often too hastily, applies the brakes.

A survey conducted only a few months ago by Peat Marwick, the City accountants, revealed that almost all of the companies that responded had reached this control stage in their growth of end user computing.

Obviously, those companies which can move towards the next phase of the curve

and achieve controlled profitable growth, will be able to realize the potential which personal computing offers.

Reaching this next stage is important, and it is a target which should be set by management itself. Management needs to ensure that the technology, applications portfolio, users and management style are effectively controlled.

For example:

- Should a company with existing PC populations adopt the IBM PS/2 standard now, or indeed ever?
- Should they move towards the new OS/2 operating system in the short term?
- Is there any benefit in a large company adopting local area networks and what will be the impact of such a decision on wider communications issues within the organisation?

Applications for many people concern the choice of a particular spreadsheet or word processing package. However, with the proliferation of such applications as desktop publishing and easy-to-use database systems, the management issues become more complex.

The use of certain applications may improve the effectiveness of individuals by a few percentage points. Consider the impact that this would have in the accounting department alongside a similar improvement in the sales force.

Different sectors of the business offer higher added value potential than others, and one very real management issue is ensuring that investment in end user computing is channelled into these areas.

As far as users are concerned, many authorities are of the view that investment in hardware and software has been too rapid for them to assimilate. The highest value for every pound spent on personal computing is in one sense going to be from training.

There are many alternative mechanisms for the delivery of this training to users. The traditional classroom environment is in many cases not the most economic or effective method.

Management style is another key issue. Many organizations are not fully aware of the true costs of owning a PC. The obvious "hard" costs are easy to identify — hardware and software — but the "soft" costs such as support, both in a central department and within a user department, training costs, and time spent by users learning the technology are often ignored.

Nolan Norion carried out a research project last year in conjunction with Lotus, the business software company.

The picture of the cost of owning a PC is interesting. It amounts to \$18,000 a year, with almost 65 per cent being accounted for in support. A similar survey is under way in the UK at present.

In summary, many organizations have not seen any real bottom line benefits as a result of implementing end-user computing. In fact, the returns which it can deliver run to orders of magnitude, ranging from three times to 10 times the initial investment a year.

Organizations which do not examine closely the benefits which their investment is giving are in danger of not achieving such returns.

## Sights on the Young Set

By Nick Nuttall

A remarkable new air rifle, heralded as the biggest design breakthrough in nearly 100 years, is being launched in the UK next month.

Named after its inventor, John Bowkett, the internationally renowned gunsmith, the JBI looks set to restore British pride in the highly lucrative recreational shooting industry, and return Birmingham to centre stage of world air rifle technology.

The gun is manufactured by the recently-founded West Midlands firm Titan Developments and marks a highly refined and technically superior return to a method of charging up air rifles popular before the turn of the century — the pneumatic system.

Wealthy landowners' faithful retainers would spend long, laborious pre-shoot spells pumping up their master's guns with the compressed air needed to fire pellets. It was a tedious and, especially for the enormous air power needed for long-distance shooting, physically taxing, system which was superseded by the designs of George Lincoln Jeffries, a Midlands gun engineer.

In 1905 he patented a variety of ideas based on compressing the pellet propelling air by means of a spring-operated piston.

Today's weapons are modifications and variations of Jeffries designs and gunsmiths have been trying to find high-tech alternatives for the spring-operated rifles which suffer from recoil, making



Restoring British firepower: the Titan JBI air rifle which is being launched next month

them less accurate, efficient and sometimes painful.

Some modern pneumatic weapons do now exist but because they are expensive and still require several pumps they tend to be available only to the strong and wealthy and are unsuitable for many women.

John Knibbs, the sales and marketing director of Titan Developments and an expert on the history of British small arms, explains: "They have regulators on them to stop them going over the British legal limit of 12 ft/lb energy."

"Even if you want more energy than the limit — for which you need a fire certificate — you still have to pump them up a heck of a lot."

"The more energy you put in the more you get out so

towards the end of the pump sequence it needs a considerable amount of effort."

This is why the new British rifle is being marketed out as a winner; in one single stroke from a simple lever mounted on the gun side enough air is effortlessly compressed to deliver fire power comparable with the most powerful air rifles known.

How Bowkett's design achieves such extraordinary efficiency is a secret. However, it seems the lever is connected to a 3in valve lock located behind the barrel and that the system ensures that all the compressed air is pushed into this chamber.

The lever system's unique design allows instantaneous variability of the fire power, too, making the rifle suitable

for close target shooting and long distance sport.

"It has been perfected so that when the lever is opened halfway you get a half power shot. With it cocked, say, three quarters of the way, you get 75 per cent of the gun's fire power," says Mr Knibbs.

The gun's barrel simply screws off allowing a rifleman to choose from one of the four different commercially available calibres.

At a cost of under £200, achieved by farming out the rifle's component manufacturing to automotive parts firms who can transfer technology from, say, carburettor production to building sections of the gun, Titan believes it can more than compete in an industry at the mercy of cheap foreign imports.

Sights are firmly set on stealing overseas markets and seizing back a large portion of the UK market which, despite the unsavoury publicity surrounding gun ownership generally following such tragedies as Hungerford, is undergoing a renaissance.

"It's a very big market," said Mr Knibbs. "It is estimated that there are in excess of four million Britons who are air rifle users."

The deputy editor of the authoritative monthly *Air Gun World*, Mark Bastien, said: "Air guns seem to be becoming much more popular especially with the young urban professional types such as the computer crowd. They seem to be buying them for target shooting and firing at tin cans after barbecues."

## Giants battle over new heart drug

By Pearce Wright  
Science Editor

A running battle has intensified in the United States and Europe to market one of the first major drugs to be produced by genetic engineering.

The fight is over the right to claim first place in the development of a substance known as a thrombolytic agent, which promises to transform certain treatments for heart disease.

The latest development has come with a report from Genentech, the genetics research company based in San Francisco, that it has received a broad patent in the United States for purified tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, a drug that can break up clots, thus preventing heart attacks.

A struggle over prior rights to discoveries involving tPA is being waged in Europe and the US.

After receiving its patent last week, Genentech immediately filed a lawsuit in the US against a team of companies that is closest to reaching the market with its own tPA drug.

The competition includes the US subsidiary of the Wellcome Foundation Ltd, and the Genetics Institute Inc, a biotechnology company based in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

If Genentech is able to exploit fully its tPA discoveries, it will be a fillip for a host of other infant research firms formed in the past seven to eight years specializing in genetic engineering technology.

As a contract research laboratory to

major established drug firms, Genentech has successfully conducted the basic research into substances that have been taken to commercial production by its clients.

Commercial exploitation of tPA could make Genentech the first biotechnology company to grow into a major pharmaceutical company.

The drug, sold by Genentech under the name of Activase, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in November and is expected to account for about £150 million in sales this year.

The patent was actually issued to Innovit, a Belgium company that handles patenting for the University of Leuven, where Professor Dr Desire Collen isolated and purified tPA.

The agent is produced naturally by the body only in minute quantities. But Genentech used its genetic engineering technology to alter animal ovary cells to produce the substance in large enough quantities to be provided a drug.

Under an agreement with Innovit, Genentech holds the exclusive US licence for the patent.

Genentech said that the patent covered purified tPA, regardless of how it is produced.

The real competition for Genentech will probably come not from other versions of tPA, but from other types of blood clot dissolvers under development, such as Eminase, which is made by another British firm, Beecham Pharmaceuticals.

## A water bonus for hospitals

A new way of producing water free from potentially lethal contamination has been developed by scientists at the Electricity Council Research Centre near Chester, writes Robert Matthews.

It promises to save the National Health Service millions of pounds every year. Britain's NHS hospitals spend around £3 million a year on sterile water, produced either in special energy-intensive stills or by buying in water in sterile packs costing up to 70p a litre.

The new technique can produce water of the required purity for around 25p a litre, a reduction of more than 60 per cent. Furthermore, the purifi-

cation can be done at the hospital itself, the equipment needed being smaller and easier to operate than the traditional apparatus used.

The aim of the water purification process is to eliminate the bacterial debris, known as pyrogens, which can harm patients. In the past, irradiation of water using ultra-violet light and bubbling ozone through the water, have been used to destroy pyrogens.

The ECRC's technique combines the two processes to create a sterilizing effect a thousand times more powerful than using UV or ozone. Mains water is first fed through a de-ioniser and passed to a tank containing

two UV lamps, which kill bacteria by the intensity of the radiation. At the base of the tank, ozone is bubbled up through the irradiated water.

The whole process is continuously monitored to ensure none of the potentially dangerous ozone gas escapes, with the ozone emerging from the tank being collected and destroyed systematically.

Having been patented by the Electricity Council, the technique was launched at the industrial processing exhibition in Frankfurt.

The equipment is made under licence as Enhanced Photo-Oxidation (EPO) equipment by Elga of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

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## TECHNOLOGY

## Don't despair, there's life after 40

## JOBSCEENE

By Caroline Berman

If you are aged over 40 and still working as a programmer, many companies consider that there must be something wrong with you. The result is that, despite the shortage of skilled staff, many recruitment agencies are finding it very difficult to place older programmers in new jobs.

The attitude is that by the time you are 40, you should have moved up the ladder, from programmer to systems analyst to project leader, or whatever.

Richard Milsom, general manager of CCF Recruitment, a firm of consultants, says: "I've had 50-year-olds saying, 'I've been with the company for 20 years. I've got a lot to offer'."

Though Mr Milsom said that there were not that many programmers over 40 around — they had usually become project leaders or business systems analysts — he admitted that people thought that if they were still programmers it must be a reflection on their lack of ability.



They might, however, just love coding. They might like an applications or support environment, and not want to move into supervising or analysis.

Otherwise, they may have retrained late in life. The government schemes encouraging people to retrain have meant an increasing number of older candidates being available for the more junior programming jobs.

Mr Milsom said that com-

panies lacked the imagination or foresight to see that this kind of candidate would not be job hopping, or trying to move as fast up the career path as their younger counterparts.

He added: "They will be good, solid, sturdy and loyal. They're likely to stay in the job longer than the younger, more ambitious types."

"It's still a young environment and people feel threatened by employing people older than themselves."

"If a project manager is aged 30 with six years' experience, he may, subconsciously, see a 45-year-old as a threat. And if it's a team job and everyone else in the team is in their 20s, a 40-year-old would be out of place."

According to Michael Dauncey, chairman of Michael Dauncey Associates, a recruitment group, another problem is that the older programmers sometimes think they should apply for a more

senior role, but it is hard to move out of programming and start applying for positions they have no experience of.

If there is a choice, companies are likely to choose the younger person. At junior levels there seems to be a prejudice against employing the older candidates.

Conrad Hills, account director, Sloangate, has found that City companies in particular are not keen to recruit those who are long in the tooth.

He says that it is much easier to place the older candidates in the regions and a lot of older computer people are now looking outside the South-East, to places such as Manchester, Bradford, Leicester and Bristol, where companies are keener to look at them. "It's a good move for them," he said. "They move to a lower-cost living area and they get paid back for the move when they may be close to retirement."

Mr Hills said that Sloangate was doing a lot of work for councils — with the community charge they have a lot more vacancies and are trying to generate the movement from the South-East to



Richard Milsom: "It's a young environment"

the provinces, offering higher salaries and benefits. He finds the younger computer person is reluctant to move from the south east since he will be unlikely to be able to afford to move back. But the older person may not be so static.

"We're encouraging this move to the provinces. It's not the case that over-40s are unemployable," he said. "We help fill places like this. If the older programmer is located outside the south east or is prepared to look outside the City, it's much easier."

## How to dig a trench by air

By Malcolm Smith

Next time your road or driveway has to be dug up to repair water or gas pipes, do not be surprised if you never see workers — with or without an excavator, or noisy drill — digging a trench.

Instead, they may simply blow away all the soil to expose the pipes using a supersonic air knife — and complete the job in half the time.

Developed by Briggs Technology of Pittsburgh, in collaboration with the US gas industry, the air knife uses a supersonic nozzle to convert a high-pressure, low-air input into an air stream which travels at twice the speed of sound.

Pushed into the ground, it literally pulverizes the soil into loose, fine particles which can then be sucked up by another tool that acts like a vacuum cleaner. The South Staffordshire Water Works has been evaluating it for the last few months.

According to Brian Greenwood, South Staffordshire's development manager, the air knife has worked well in a variety of ground conditions from wet clays, wet or dry soils to ash.

Only in hard, compacted boulder clay has it found the going tough.

It could prove particularly attractive for working in tight corners, for excavating narrow trenches or for cleaning out silted-up stop-tap containers and water-metering boxes.

The air knife also has the enormous advantage that it does not damage any non-porous objects. As a result, water and gas pipes, and even tree roots, are much safer than they would be with picks and shovels in action.

Noise is not a problem. Two workers operate it; one loosens the soil with the air knife, the other sucks it up for storage using the vacuum tube.

Because the air knife-loosened soil is so friable, trenches are easy to backfill. For deep trenches, the knife can be extended to three metres, while for awkward spots it comes with an inter-changeable angled barrel which can also be used to excavate around exposed pipes.

With the knife itself costing about £1,000, the vacuum tool about £1,500, the equipment is not particularly expensive. Mr Greenwood emphasizes, though, that a good-quality air compressor is essential to maintain a fixed air flow and pressure.

Now, other utilities including British Gas West Midlands, the Thames and Yorkshire water authorities and the Water Research Centre are interested enough in the air knife to do their own tests.

## PROFILE

## The mail-order whizz-kid

By Richard Sarson

Michael Dell is 23, and runs a \$159 million company, making and selling computers. When he was at college in Austin, Texas, heading for medical school, his parents visited him to check that he was not wasting too much time selling disc-drive kits to other computer buffs.

He had to bundle all the hardware into the nearest bathroom, to stop them finding it. By the time he was 19, he stopped pretending and dropped out. By then he was making \$80,000 a month and had moved on to taking IBM PCs at cost off the hands of dealers, who could not sell the monthly quotas agreed with IBM.

He would then advertise them in local papers well below list price. This gave him a taste for the mail-order business, and he set up the Dell Computer Corporation in 1984 to sell PC clones direct to the customer.

This upset the normal method of selling low-cost business computers started by Apple and Commodore in the late-1970s through friendly local dealers or high-street shops.

Even the monolithic Big Blue set up its dealer network when the IBM PC came out in 1981. Mr Dell argues that the dealer chain adds cost to the distribution cycle and that he can undercut IBM's medium-sized machines by about 40 per cent, if firms order direct from him. But, more important, he believes that an efficient central help desk is a better way to solve user problems and diagnose their faults than phoning up a hard-pressed local dealer with only a handful of support staff.

When Michael Dell opened for business in the UK in June last year, everyone, including Alan Sugar of Amstrad, told him that people in Britain would never order computers through mail order. In fact,

Michael Dell claims to have sold 4,000 machines here in the first 10 months, representing almost 15 per cent of his total sales.

However, his critics may be right in that he has sold relatively few to individuals and small businesses in the UK purely through advertising and taking sales over the phone. They still prefer to use the corner shop. But, 50 per cent of his sales have been to



Michael Dell: "An entrepreneur in short pants"

big organizations, such as BP or the Department of Employment, whereas in the US the big-business market accounts for only a third of Mr Dell's business. He attacks this market by direct sales reps, not by mail order. Big companies like this approach.

Many have been stung in their buying of personal computers by dealers going out of business or not giving a comprehensive enough service. Mr Dell uses Honeywell's maintenance organization, to service and repair its customers' hardware.

Buying from Dell, the company says, gives them almost the same cosy feeling of long-term service as IBM, but much cheaper. Mr Dell is aware of his image as an "entrepreneur in short pants", as America's *Fortune* magazine called him recently. So he surrounds himself with relatively greyer heads.

## CD is not all fun and games

By Geof Wheelwright

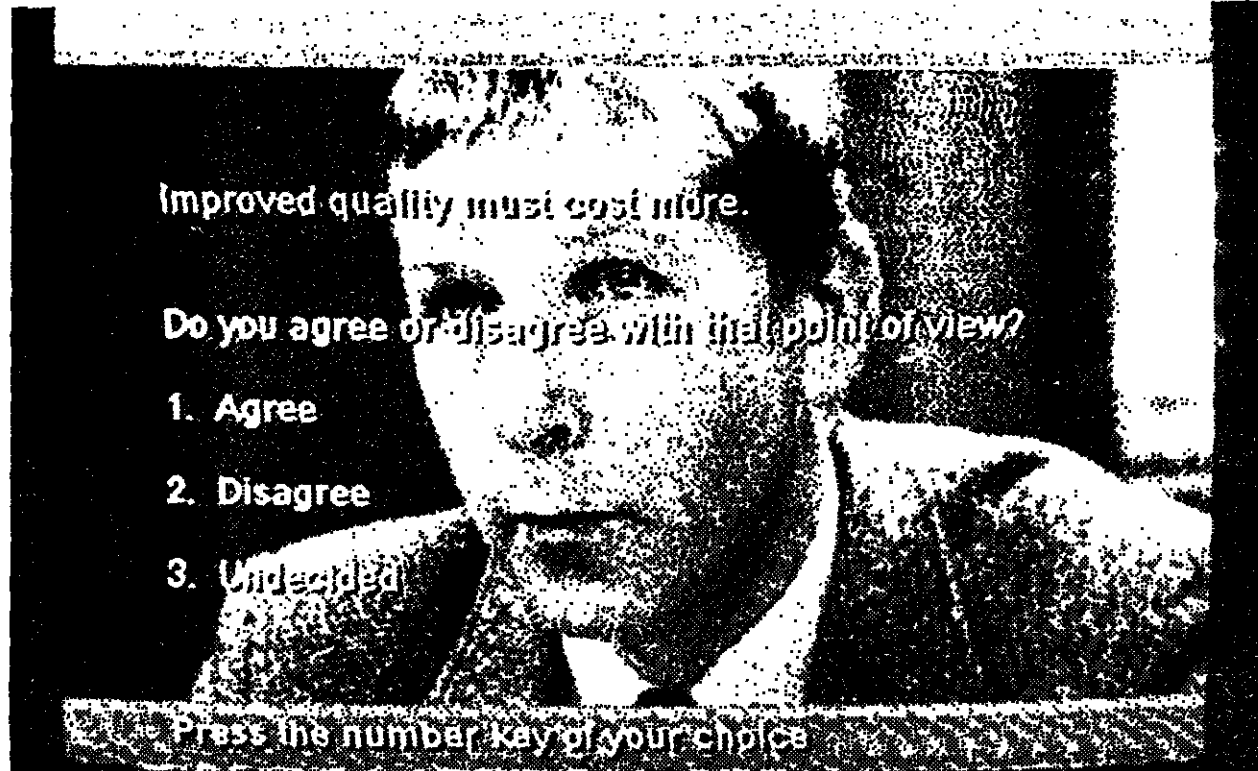
Having completely revolutionized the way in which we listen to recorded music, the compact disc industry is now on the road to changing the way we play computer games as well.

According to Trip Hawkins, founder of the US computer games giant, Electronic Arts, the market for games and entertainment software using CD technology will be huge. He claims that the amount of money spent by children and adults in the US on coin-operated video games already exceeds that of box-office receipts for cinemas through out the US.

Ironically it is the use of cinema-style software that is drawing children's pocket money away from passive cinema entertainment to the much more active entertainment of the video game.

The use of CD-style technology in games started almost five years ago. A combined computer graphics and CD video called *Dragon's Lair* gained a brief notoriety.

This game used a laser-video machine — which operates on the same basic principle as a music CD — containing animated sequences of events within the game in combination with a computer program that controlled which of those animated sequences were shown. The latest in CD games — being developed using a technology called CD-interactive (CD-I) — promises to go well beyond that. It can handle huge libraries of filmed images along with high-resolution



Ford's education and training department uses video for its process control staff in association with Futuremedia

computer graphics and CD-quality music.

Trip Hawkins' company is one of the early developers of CD-I software for machines and is expected to be in the shops next year.

He and others developing software for this new breed of entertainment system are hoping that the convergence of all these technologies will allow them to create an "alternative electronic reality". They claim that a dedicated technology such as CD-I is required to accomplish this

because existing home and business computers do not have the power or specialized hardware to do so.

At the moment CD-I technology is too expensive for the games market but is already being used by organizations for training.

One distinct advantage, its operators claim, is that no previous computer expertise is needed. The early part of each CD video makes recommendations on which training route to follow, depending on how much the user already

knows, and teaches how to use the computer equipment.

The Ford Motor Company is just one of a number of companies to be involved. Its statistical process control package is the result of two years' research by specialists at the company's education and training department in conjunction with Futuremedia, a video company.

Ford has been sufficiently impressed to insist that its suppliers apply these training techniques to their own work-

ers when producing components for Ford.

But it is not cheap. This particular courseware costs £4,000, or can be hired for around £750 a week. Those involved in industry, however, are quick to defend the pricing.

Sieve Roden, president of Connell, an American video training company, said: "One of our clients was sending its trainees to a class to learn how to use Lotus 1-2-3 software. It was costing £160 a student."

## US firms unite in battle with Japan

By Peter Coy

The United States needs to build TV sets, not just computers, in order to remain a technological superpower into the 21st century, says some of the nation's technology giants.

IBM, Apple Computer, Hewlett-Packard, AT&T and others are agreed that a strong consumer electronics industry is critical to a strong technology base. And they have formed a task force to study how the US can catch up with the Japanese in the next generation of TV sets — models that will produce pictures nearly as sharp as magazine photos.

At stake is a market expected to grow to more than £20 billion a year worldwide within 25 years, as well as competence in a whole range of related technologies, from speedy computer chips to advanced signal processing.

Zenith Electronics is the only US-based company still making TV sets, and it lost money on them last year. The announcement of the

task force on high-definition television is an acknowledgment of the damage the US has suffered by allowing its consumer electronics business to wither.

"They're finally learning what the Japanese have known for years," said William Hassinger, assistant bureau chief for engineering in the Mass Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission. "You can use consumer electronics as a sort of economic engine to pull a train that has a lot of other things in it."

Experts say consumer products ranging from compact disk players to video-cassette recorders have become so advanced that in some respects they are more sophisticated than mainframe computers or nuclear missiles.

In fact, Japanese firms sell a large proportion of the components for US weaponry even though they never set out to create a military hardware industry. It was a spin-off from their other product lines.

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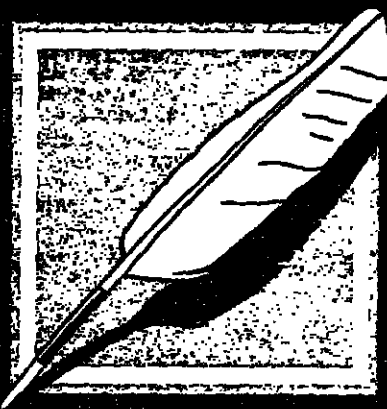
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## Law Report June 28 1988

## Client account money is not really client's

**Prekoekanska Plovdiva v L. N. T. Lines SRL**  
Before Mr Justice Hirst  
[Judgment June 27]

Money held by solicitors in a client account were not really the client's money at all but were only held by the solicitors in that manner because of the mandatory requirements of the Solicitors Accounts Rules 1986. Accordingly, it would be wrong in principle for a court to hold that such moneys should be included in the ambit of an injunction restraining the client from dealing with its assets.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division in a judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers in making orders releasing all the client account funds held by firms of solicitors on behalf of the defendant.

Mr Joseph Smolenski for the plaintiff, Prekoekanska Plovdiva; Mr Andrew Hillier for William A. Crump & Son; Mr Adrian Hughes for Hill Dickinson & Co; the defendant did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said that the case raised an important point of principle concerning the rights of solicitors holding money in client accounts to the credit or order of an unsuccessful defendant whose assets were within the jurisdiction up to the amount of a judgment or award against him had been frozen by an injunction obtained at the suit of a successful plaintiff.

On April 30, 1988 the plaintiff obtained an award in an arbitration against the defendant.

On May 11, 1988 Mr Justice Phillips granted the plaintiff an injunction restraining the defendant until further order from in any way dealing with any of its assets within the jurisdiction save to the extent that they exceeded \$125,000, including, without prejudice to the generality of the order, sums held to the defendant's account in the client account of Hill Dickinson & Co and William A. Crump & Son, who were the defendant's present and former solicitors.

The order also provided that nothing in it should prevent the exercise by the two firms of solicitors of any right of set-off

which they might have in respect of legal services which they had rendered to the defendants and for which they had delivered bills to the defendants, which had neither been challenged nor been made the subject of any outstanding application for taxation prior to the date of the order.

Until September 1987, William A. Crump & Sons represented the defendants as solicitors in a number of arbitrations. On that date the defendants withdrew their instructions from Crump and directed them to transfer the files to their new and present solicitors, Hill Dickinson & Co.

Prior to the date of Mr Justice Phillips' order, Hill Dickinson had received by way of legal fees from the defendants a number of payments which totalled by that date approximately £31,000, which was now held by Hill Dickinson in their client account to the credit or order of the defendants. Of that sum, £20,000 was earmarked for paying Crump for the costs they had incurred.

Hill Dickinson now sought

orders which would permit them (i) upon payment to Crump of £20,000 to reimburse themselves from the money held to the defendant's credit or order in their client account; (ii) to apply the balance standing in their client account in part payment of or reimbursement for their legal services rendered before May 11, 1988.

Crump sought orders (i) to enable Hill Dickinson to pay the £20,000 to Crump; (ii) to enable Crump to transfer from their client account £6,000 they held to the credit or order of the defendant in part payment of or reimbursement for their legal services rendered prior to May 11; (iii) to enable the defendant to pay to Crump the balance of their agreed liability to costs.

Under the Solicitors Accounts Rules 1986, a solicitor was obliged to hold client's money in a separate account in the name of the solicitor and in the title of which the word "client" appeared.

Rule 14 of those rules provided: "Nothing in these Rules shall deprive a solicitor of any

recourse or right, whether by way of lien, set off, counterclaim, charge or otherwise, against moneys standing to the credit of a client account."

A solicitor's lien entitled him at common law to retain property in his possession until he had paid costs due to him in his professional capacity. "Property" in this context included money held in a client account.

Counsel for Hill Dickinson and Crump submitted that, in truth, those moneys were not really the defendant's at all, but were only held by the solicitors in the present manner because of the mandatory requirements of the Solicitors Accounts Rules.

In his Lordship's judgment it would be quite wrong in principle for such moneys to be included within the ambit of the injunction and accordingly his Lordship would make orders releasing all the client account funds held by both firms of solicitors.

Solicitors: Elborne Mitchell; William A. Crump & Son; Hill Dickinson & Co.

## Implying term in agreement for repairing exterior of premises

**Barrett v Lomova (1982) Ltd**  
Before Lord Justice Kerr and Mr Justice Swinton Thomas  
[Judgment June 22]

Where a tenancy agreement contained covenants on the part of the tenant to carry out internal repairs and keep the premises in good condition but no provision for repairs and maintenance of the exterior structure was made, the landlord was responsible for such repairs by implying, in appropriate cases, a term in the agreement so as to give it business efficacy.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the defendant landlords, Lomova (1982) Ltd, from Mr Assistant Recorder Keane, QC, who at Shoreditch County Court gave judgment on December 10, 1987 for the plaintiff tenant, Mrs Elsie May Barrett, ordering the landlords to pay to the tenant £1,250 damages and to carry out certain repairs to remedy defects in the structure and exterior of the house at 70 Lansdowne Drive, Hackney.

Mr Robert Pryor, QC and Mr Simon Monty for the landlords; Mr Derek Wood, QC and Mr Martin Seaward for the tenant.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that by a tenancy agreement dated April 5, 1941, the tenant's predecessor in title was granted the tenancy of "all that dwelling house and the premises No 70 Lansdowne Drive" from April 12, 1941 "for the term of one year certain and thereafter a monthly tenancy at a yearly rent of £78, such rent to be payable weekly in advance... the first

payment of £1 10s to be made on signing hereof".

By the tenant's covenants the tenant was required to do all inside repairs, if any, required at that time and to keep and at the expiration of the tenancy to leave the inside of the premises and fixtures in good repair, order and condition. The tenant covenanted to allow the landlords and their agents to enter at all reasonable times on the premises and for all reasonable purposes.

The agreement said nothing about repairs to the exterior and the structure.

The present tenant occupied the premises as a result of two transmissions under the Rent Acts. The first transmission was to the widow of the original tenant and the present tenant was the daughter.

It was common ground that the premises were in a state of quite severe disrepair and had been in that state since about May 1985.

The assistant recorder directed himself by asking the right questions, namely, that the law did not permit the court to imply terms merely on the basis that implication would seem to be reasonable or fair.

In essence what was required was either a situation where the parties to the agreement, if asked about the suggested implied term, would have said words such as "Oh yes, of course we both agree. Is there any need to mention it?" or where it was not merely desirable but necessary to imply such a term to give business efficacy to, in other words, necessary to make the contract workable, which

amounted to the same thing.

The landlords relied on *Woodfall, Landlord and Tenant* (28th edition (1978) vol 1 para 1-1465), *Hart v Windsor* (1843) 12 M & W 680, a dictum of Lord Justice Baines in *Cochran v Smith* (1924) 2 KB 119, 128, and a dictum of Mr Justice Goddard in *Wilchick v Marks and Silverstone* (1934) 2 KB 56, 62 and submitted that in the demise of the entire premises no covenant was implied that the lessor would do any repairs.

Recent cases showed that there was no rule of law against an implication of such a covenant; see, for instance, *Liverpool City Council v Irwin* (1977) AC 239, even though in a different context; *Sleifer v Lambeth Borough Council* (1960) 1 QB 43, 60; and *Lord Justice Slade in Duke of Westminster v Guild* (1985) QB 688, 694-697.

As Lord Justice Slade said, in some instances it would be proper for the court to imply an obligation against a landlord, on whom an obligation was not in terms imposed to match "a correlative obligation thereby expressly imposed on the other party."

The covenant imposed on the tenant here could not be properly carried out unless the outside of the premises was in repair. Accordingly, to give business efficacy to the tenant's covenant an obligation by implication had to be placed on the landlords.

Mr Justice Swinton Thomas gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Bernstein & Co, Stoke Newington; Geo J. Dowse & Co.

## No duty to provide a completion statement

**Carr and Another v Debono**  
Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith  
[Judgment June 27]

There was no legal obligation on a vendor's solicitor to provide a completion statement. A purchaser who was faced with an erroneous completion statement was under a duty to tender what he claimed to be the correct amount if he was not to be in breach of contract.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the defendant purchaser, Mr Malcolm David Debono, from a decision of Master Munrow, who on April 19, 1988 had found in favour of the plaintiff vendors, Mr and Mrs Brian Carr, on their claims for a declaration that a contract for the sale of a house in High Wycombe had been rescinded, for forfeiture of the deposit and for vacation of a caution in the Land Charges Register.

Mr Debono in person; Mr Richard Walford for the vendors.

## Correction to ITC report

In *Maclean Watson & Co Ltd v International Tin Council (No 3)* (The Times June 27) the end of the report was inadvertently omitted. The last three paragraphs were:

Furthermore, the astonishing fact had emerged that the administrative account was indebted to the ITC's buffer stock account for a sum nearing £240,000, which meant that the immunity being sought was in

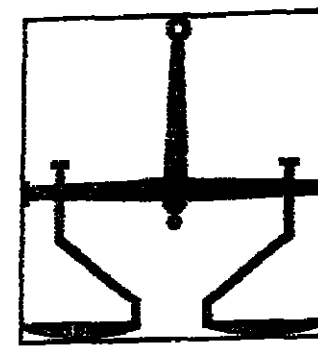
respect of an account which owed money to another account which was not immune.

It would be a condition of the grant of any stay that an immediate transfer of cash in hand and money on deposit in the administrative account be transferred forthwith to the buffer stock account.

Solicitors: Elborne Mitchell, Cameron Markby, Allen & Overy.

Solicitors: Winter-Tailors, High Wycombe.

## Pressure for change in civil procedure



## LEGAL BRIEF

## Lord Hailsham

## argues that the

## findings of the

## civil justice review

## body should not

## be allowed to

## gather dust

During my professional lifetime there have been at least 14 attempts to reform civil evidence and procedure, mostly carried out under the aegis of eminent lawyers and judges. Considering the amount of effort and discussion involved it is remarkable how little has been achieved.

The present review under Sir Maurice Hodgson was to some extent a new departure, since apart from Lord Griffiths, a solicitor, a barrister, an academic lawyer and a secretary from the Lord Chancellor's department, the members of the panel were largely representatives of consumer interests, and preliminary enquiries aimed largely to discover the needs and criticisms of the users of the service.

It must be said at once that, considering how little has changed since 1925 (indeed, apart from the virtual elimination of the civil jury from the common law courts, except in a few isolated fields, since 1873), our system of civil justice emerges with considerable credit, both in the light of the scrutiny, and in the light of consumer satisfaction.

It was never intended that, when it came, the report should be bulldozed through. The result was always meant to be essentially for discussion before decisive action, since to take any other course would inevitably provoke resentment and court disaster.

This makes it all the more important that the momentum for change generated by the appointment of Hodgson and his colleagues should not be allowed to die down. In all departments of legal proceeding, criminal, family, or civil, the system remains under heavy, continuous, and increasing strain, and since to a large extent the same judges and the same buildings have to serve each field, the strain on any one department inevitably reacts on all the others. Without the Courts Act 1971 the archaic criminal system of trial on indictment based on assizes and quarter sessions would long ago have come to a grinding halt; and even so, with indictable crime expanding at roughly 10 per cent a year at compound interest, much of the benefit of that legislation has already been overtaken.

Comparable rises in divorce

(though that shows some sign of plateauing out), personal injury cases, and cases in the Commercial Court and the Official Referees lists have put an equivalent strain on civil litigation. Existing delays in each field cannot be justified and the case for a thorough overhaul of jurisdiction, procedure and evidence is urgent and overwhelming.

Personally, I was sorry that my original idea for a single civil court on the analogy of the Crown Court, amalgamating the jurisdiction of the High Court and County Court, was not accepted by the review. I was never persuaded that, given the differences in salary, robes, titles, modes of address, the relative importance of the business transacted and the central location of the Royal Courts of Justice, the status of High Court judges could have been adversely affected. Nevertheless, it must be conceded that much of the substance which an amalgamation would have achieved is contained in the existing proposals.

The case for urgency is not diminished if, as I personally believe, the resource implications of the proposals have been significantly underestimated. New and better roads inevitably generate new traffic, and even without this factor the acceleration of business

will, at least for a time, put a strain on manpower and court accommodation. The increase in the limits of the small claims procedure will obviously require a large number of appointments at registrar level, and the abolition of the upper limits in County Court jurisdiction will put heavy pressure on County Court judges. I doubt whether, given the present level of indictable crime and the growth of business, it will be possible to reduce the number of High Court appointments below the present level of 52 Queen Bench puisnes, or the existing strength of full-time circuit judges below about 400. In the meantime, the need for new court complexes is certain to continue, and the increased throughput of business resulting from the reduction of delay will only increase the pressures on appointments and court accommodation.

It would, I think, be wise for the Lord Chancellor's department, in co-operation with the judiciary, to concentrate on practical issues and not take anything flippant to raise ideological hackles.

There is an enormous agenda, much of it controversial without these - the alterations in small claims and County Court jurisdictions, the single point of entry in personal injury cases, the pressure to reduce delay in commencing and conducting proceedings, the reduction of oral trial, insistence on more openness in the exchange of witness statements, the reform of housing cases, the methods of enforcing judgments, and improvements in the Commercial Court and Official Referees' procedure.

With whatever limitations and whatever priorities, implementation will certainly take years rather than months. Through some of the proposals can be undertaken by the Rule Committees and through subordinate legislation, most of them will require implementation by Act of Parliament, and the Lord Chancellor will have to battle for a hefty slot in the already overcrowded Government programme. I wish him luck. The need for change is urgent and imposed by the sheer increase in judicial business, and the potential field for improvement in efficiency and cost to the litigant is very large.

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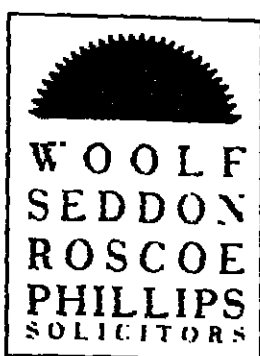
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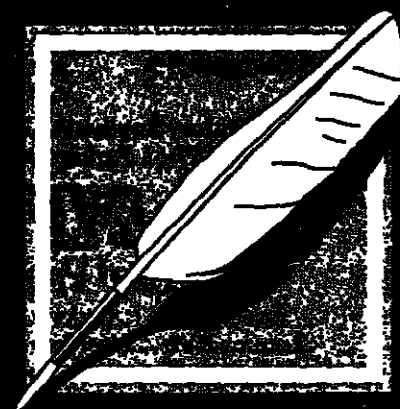
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## Keeping what you hold

Having recruited the staff your business needs, the problem can be keeping them. Edward Fennell looks at how companies are tackling the brain drain



The danger is that firms appoint partners because they fit an existing pattern of what a partner should be like. But that does not take account of the new circumstances in which many firms find themselves

Dr Lynda Gratton  
PA Consulting Group

I often tell myself that there has to be an easier way of earning a living than journalism and last week I think I hit upon it. Given the insatiable demand from the major firms these days for more and more lawyers and accountants, I reckon that the time is ripe to reinstate the Press Gang.

Armed with a grant and licence from the Department of Enterprise, I plan to hire myself a Hertz van and a couple of heavies and then hang around El Vino and Pomeroy on Friday nights looking for likely lads to lure into a contract peppered with restrictive covenants.

Piled liberally with spiked Pimm's, they would be in no position to negotiate a "get-out" clause and in the time it takes to say "Sign here", I would have them whisked away to a barge in the North Sea, from which their services would be rented out to the highest bidder.

The art of it, of course, would lie in the contract. And, as I discovered when I spoke to Roger Steel of Frere Cholmeley, increasing numbers of employers are having contracts drawn up which are designed to put handcuffs on their employees. For some time Frere Cholmeley has operated an Employment Law Unit within its Litigation Department, but this has recently been extended to cover the Pension, Tax and General Commercial departments as well. Demand for the Unit's services has risen from both City institutions and industry in order to combat the volatility in the employment market.

Above all, employers whose life blood is information are concerned about employees walking off to set up shop on their own, armed with the contacts and the credibility gained with their former firms. The result is an increased interest in incorporating restrictive covenants and other techniques to thwart the over-ambitious member of staff.

As Roger Steel points out, however, these restrictive covenants are only brought into play (if at all) as a last resort and, instead, golden conditions are a much better way of securing loyalty. But even better still is to structure the organization in such a way that there are clear benefits and opportunities for those who stay with you.

The consultancy firm, Employment Relations, part of Arthur Young, specializes in giving advice to employers, on

how to get rewards right so as to persuade people to remain loyal. Often, for example, there is a tension between the good "technical" person and good "manager". Every organization needs both, yet getting the balance right between them is fraught with difficulty.

Interestingly enough, Mark Goodrich, the Employment Relations boss, has done a number of jobs for a law firm which is trying to get its practice management and organizational structure right. More than almost any other business a law firm is dependent on the quality of its people and if the right people aren't being retained or the wrong people are promoted to partnerships, then the firm will head towards failure.

Selecting the future partners, therefore, is about the most significant bit of long-term corporate planning that any firm can do. And, in most cases, according to Dr Lynda Gratton of the PA Consulting Group, it is not done as systematically as it should. Dr Gratton will be going into detail on this at a conference on Recruiting and Retaining Professional Staff at the Barbican in London next week, but the gist of her argument is that promotions to partnerships and other top jobs are too often based on current performance, rather than assessing future potential.

"Most organizations haven't sat down and carefully worked through the kind of competences which are needed by a partner and then matched that profile against the qualities of the possible candidates," said Dr Gratton. "Too often it is a matter of gut feeling, but that gut feeling may not be right for the long-term future of the business."

As an example of what she means, Dr Gratton talked about problems of firms wishing to open a new office overseas. The qualities required to do such a job are quite different from those required to maintain an existing healthy practice in London. So, when firms complain that they lack the partners to go out and set

up these new ventures, Dr Gratton is not surprised because the chances are they have been appointing partners to undertake a different sort of function. It is not natural for them to switch to something else at short notice.

"The danger is that firms appoint partners because they fit an existing model of what a partner should be like. But that does not take account of the new circumstances in which many firms find themselves. To change the firm, or to take it in new directions, you need a different sort of partner; but to appoint him or her, you need to know both where you want to go, and the skills needed to get there."

"It's rather like Darwin and the survival of the fittest. You need a rich and varied gene pool if you are to adapt to new demands and circumstances," said Dr Gratton.

None of this is going to fit very well with the rather traditional view of the partnership system based, as it is, on people being clubbable and getting on with each other as friends rather than conforming to a psychologist's model. Yet, as Michael MacCabe of Freshfields told me a few days ago, the firm was seriously thinking about opening an office in Tokyo, but there were questions, both about money and having the right people who were willing to go. Partners (unlike middle managers) cannot be instructed to pack their bags and report on the other side of the world on the following Monday morning. The real challenge is whether you can appoint and groom as partners the kind of people who, in five years' time, will relish that challenge.

Mind you, none of this takes account of my little scheme to set up a professional Press Gang Service. So, if you see a Hertz van in Fleet Street next week, manned by a couple of toughs in sailors' suits, you'll know I'm in business. After all, what was good enough for Nelson is certainly good enough for you and me.

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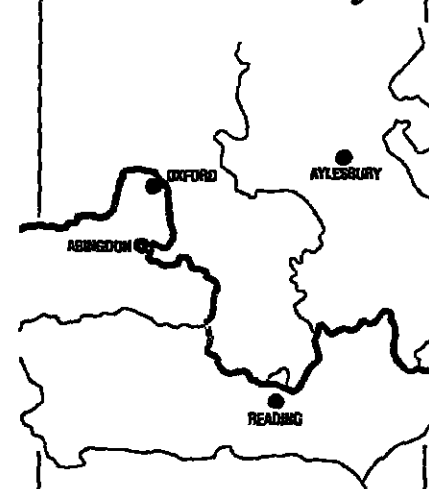
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## RACING: AGA KHAN'S DUAL DERBY WINNER RECOVERING WELL FROM INJURY INCURRED DURING COURAGEOUS CURRAGH VICTORY

## Kerrera should provide further evidence of emergence of Diesis

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

If pressed to name the most pleasing development for Anglo-American bloodstock in the last couple of years I would nominate without hesitation the emergence of Diesis as a very successful young stallion.

Of course it was justifiable to hope that he would succeed where he failed in the Mill Ridge Farm Kentucky in 1984 because he was a full brother to one top stallion, Kris, by another, Sharpen Up. It does not always work out that way, however, and hope still has to be converted into deed. In the case of Diesis that deed has already been considered and it is good to record that the impact is being felt here, in the land of his birth, even though he resides in the United States.

What has impressed me about the Diesis stock that I have seen is that they all seem to be blessed with his own glorious freedom in movement.

For Timeform had this to say about him at the end of his two-year-old career in which

he won the Middle Park and Dewhurst: "One particularly impressive aspect of Diesis's performance was the tremendous action he displayed: he strode out like a really good horse."

From his first crop we have already seen that most athletic of fillies, the Oaks winner, Diminuendo: from his second two-year-old colts in Weldon and Samson.

Today, visitors to Yarmouth can expect to see another member of that second crop, Kerrera, make a winning debut in the EBF Fillies' Maiden Stakes and thus earn a crack at the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket in a week's time.

Incidentally, her dam, Rimosa's Pet, also won first time out on the Norfolk seaside course in 1978 for trainer Michael Stoute. Later she was placed in group races at Goodwood and Ascot as a two-year-old before finally winning one at York the following season.

Afterwards she changed ownership for 200,000 guineas — a big price in those days. Today she will look cheap at that price if her daughter turns out to be as good as her homework has indicated.

Otherwise it should pay to follow Pat Eddery riding Swimmer (3.45) and Barford Lady (4.15) for Geoff Huffer. Swimmer, who won the Tote Placepot Handicap 12 months ago, unseated his rider five furlongs from the finish of his first race three weeks ago which was eventually won by Samhaan. Now he will be meeting that horse on 8lb better terms.

Barford Lady would only have to run as well as she did at York, where she was beaten 1½ lengths by Royal Touch, to win the Tote Place Only Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Elsewhere, Willie Carson can land a double at Folkestone in the afternoon on Nawaz (2.30) and Grandiflor (3.30) before repeating the feat in the evening at

Newbury on Hag Me (6.50) and Elzeem (7.30).

Hug Me, who was the medium of a successful gamble from 10-1 to 4-1 in the Warwick Oaks 10 days ago, can defy her 6lb penalty in the Wimpey Hobbs Fillies' Handicap.

Like Bryant, my selection for the Pennington's Maiden Stakes, Elzeem caught my eye when he made his debut at Ascot.

On the strength of that he can now capture the Strutt & Parker Two-Year-Old Stakes, a race which 12 months ago pointed the way to Emmsom becoming a good horse.

Finally, Nomadic Way looks poised to complete a treble by landing the Ruckhold Handicap, following that six-length victory at Chester last Wednesday.

● BBC South's regional news magazine South Today will be broadcast from tonight's Newbury meeting. The 6.50 race will be shown live and possibly a recording of the 6.20.

## Kahyasi on the mend from Irish Derby cut

Kahyasi, who sustained what appeared to be a bad cut below the knee of his near fore on his way to winning Sunday's Irish Derby, was reported in fine fettle yesterday.

The dual Derby winner arrived back at Luca Cuman's Newmarket stables during the night, and was reported to be in fine fettle, according to assistant trainer, Geoffrey Faber.

"He is very well and although there is a bit of bruising, the cut is not as deep as it appeared to be," said Faber.

Kahyasi, who got up in the last mile to beat Lismore by a short head, spent the night at the Ballymore Stud of his owner, the Aga Khan, just half a mile from the course.

Immediately after the race, when Kahyasi returned to the winner's enclosure with blood pouring from the wound, Cuman was worried that the cut might have affected the tendon.

Cuman's vet, back at Newmarket last night, and while Faber would not be drawn on future plans for the colt, it would appear that the injury is only a temporary setback.

## Minimum values introduced as prize-money rises by £2m

By Phil McLennan

An increase of more than 15 per cent in total prize-money and the introduction by the Jockey Club of minimum values are the key features of the Horserace Betting Levy Board's 1989 scheme, details of which are announced today.

As a result, no Flat race or steeplechase will be worth less than £1,700 next year while the minimum on offer for hurdle races, hunter chases and National Hunt flat races will be £1,300.

The combined increase of £2 million over 1988 levels will be split 60-40 in favour of the Flat but the most significant statistic is that more than 92 per cent of this figure will go to racing's "lower tier" — the run-of-the-

mill races run largely at Britain's less glamorous courses. On the Flat, for example, Goodwood and York's basic daily rate will rise by less than 10 per cent while Folkestone and Epsom will benefit by more than 40 per cent.

Similarly, Cheltenham, Sandown and Newbury's daily National Hunt rate will go up by approximately eight per cent while Ludlow and Southwell will all show increases in excess of 24 per cent.

Sir Ian Thresham, Levy Board chairman, emphasised the teamwork between racing's various factions which has brought about these substantial increases. "I am delighted at the consensus approach by both the Jockey Club and the Horserace Advisory Council," he said.

"This has enabled us all to agree on how best to achieve our policy objective of giving substantial help to the lower tier. No longer will races in this country be run for a few hundred pounds, so the whole industry is being given a lift."

Pattern race allocations will rise by £95,000 on the Flat and £30,000 over the jumps, a nine per cent increase in each case. The distribution of these monies will be considered by the Levy Board when the joint recommendations of the Jockey Club and H.A.C. are concluded.

Other areas of the sport to receive increased support are the fillies' premium scheme, apprentice races and the seventh race programme. The minimum value of middle tier races will also go up where thought appropriate by the Jockey Club.

## Huffer's star misses Eclipse

By Christopher Goulding

Persian Heights, a first Royal Ascot winner for Geoff Huffer, then you will see the best of him."

Definite home-trained runners in the Eclipse at this stage include Broken Hearted, Chatterbox and last year's winner, Mito.

Broken Hearted renews his rivalry with Mito on 2lb worse terms, having failed by a neck to hold off the latter's challenge in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot.

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France are likely to be triply represented with Saint Andrews, Mill Naive and their main hope, Trippich.

The Fairlie-Biancone-trained mare will be ridden by Tony Cruz in the event of Steve Caution being required to partner Indian Skimmer for Henry Cecil. The Warren Place trainer will only run his filly if there has been a considerable amount of rain on the course.

Mark Kershaw, clerk of the course at Sandown, has used the watering system to repair a small amount of damage caused by the previous meeting, but has refrained from watering any further as rain is expected today.

"If we miss the rain we will reassess the position," Kershaw said.

## NEWBURY

## Selections

By Mandarin

6.30 Bryant.  
6.50 Hug Me.  
7.20 Elzeem.  
7.50 Nomadic Way.  
8.20 Another Day.  
8.50 Sea Symphony.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.20 —  
6.50 Caro's Niece.  
7.20 —  
7.50 Gaasid.  
8.20 Anthony Loretto.  
8.50 Good Sailing.

Michael Seely's selection: 7.50 Nomadic Way.

## Going: good to firm Draw: no significant advantage

6.20 PENNINGTON'S MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O; £4,084; 6f) (11 runners)	
1 (7) 0 BEAUMONT'S KEEP (R Mrs J Rogers) L Hat 5-0.	15
2 (2) 0 BLUSHING RIBBON (A/Overs Bookings) G Fyche 9-0.	7 Quins
3 (5) 0 BUSHRANGER (The Queen) W Ham 9-0.	W Carson
4 (3) 0 JAYLARD (J McCarroll) P Ham 9-0.	L Jones
5 (10) 0 BUSHRANGER (A/Overs Bookings) G Fyche 9-0.	W Carson
6 (11) 0 PRESIDIO (A/Overs Bookings) G Fyche 9-0.	G Barker
7 (12) 0 BRYANT (R E A Bott) L Nelson 9-0.	R Reid 9-8
8 (10) 0 ROSE CAMPION (P McAlister) Biding 9-0.	J Mathias
9 (8) 0 SAUNDY (P McAlister) Biding 9-0.	W Neaves
10 (11) 0 SKAZKA (P Matory) Biding 9-0.	T New
11 (4) 0 TAJIKA (M Silver) J Dunlop 9-0.	Pat Eddery

BETTING: 9-4 Rose Campion, 5-2 Dunlop, 6-1 Bushranger, 10-1 Jaylaid, 50-1 TAJIKA, 14-1 Skazka, 16-1 others.

## 1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

**FORM** BEAUMONT'S KEEP (8-1) 4th to 6th to Day Shift (8-0) here (6th mdn, 5237, good to soft, Jun 9, 13 runners).  
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# Lendl steps back from the edge

Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Ivan Lendl, the runner-up for the past two years, took four hours and 46 minutes to beat Mark Woodforde, of Adelaide, by 7-5, 6-7, 6-7, 7-5, 10-8, at Wimbledon yesterday. Woodforde had a match point at 7-5 in the fifth set but was forced into error by a service and backhand volley.

This was a marvellous match between two men who both like to be out on the golf course. The battle was like an interminable series of extra holes. Woodforde is coming along fast. In the United States, Australian, and French championships, he was stopped only by Miloslav Mecir, Lendl, and Pat Cash in turn.

Woodforde's defeat yesterday was one of two suffered by Australians at the hands of Czechoslovaks. The other was Mecir's 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 win over Wally Masur.

Over the wall, on court two, Mecir took the role of celebrant in a respectful communion between racket and ball. It was educational yet frustrating for all of us (particularly Masur) to try to guess which way Mecir's shots were going. Masur was trying to come to grips with a ghost. His face was a study as, time and again, he dashed towards Raynes Park while the ball was heading for Wandsworth.

Mecir seemed merely to nudge the ball, coax it — yet did so with such facile timing



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plays the big game with such graceful ease that he makes it interesting. Briefly, the scoreboard suggested that the winners included "Sedberg", just a silent constant short of public-school status.

Cash, the champion, beat a qualifier, Andrei Olkhovsky, by 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. First, Cash

had to get some double-faults out of his system: and was allowed to do so without penalty. Olkhovsky had five break points in the first set but no more. The Muscovite, incidentally, prefers the translated spelling Olkhovsky, but there is a weight of academic opinion against him.

Two of the early matches confounded the women's seedings. Natalia Zvereva was beaten 6-2, 6-4, by Rosalyn Fairbank (that match is reported separately) and Zina Garrison won 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, against Gabriela Sabatini, who looked homesick — and confessed later that she had indeed been away from Buenos Aires for too long.

Garrison, who advanced to the semi-finals in 1985, is nimble, busy, and a little pigeon-toed (no handicap, from one's memories of Frank Sedgman). She is easy to recognize from a distance because, when receiving service, she hops about a lot and keeps her spare hand well away from the racket.

Garrison made a lively, confidently aggressive start that rocked Sabatini back on her heels and Garrison finished the same way. Sabatini had reached the quarter-finals or semi-finals of four consecutive grand slam tournaments. Yesterday her service was wayward. She looked a comparatively languid lightweight. Everything happened too fast for her. It was as if, after waiting through 18 years, she had stumbled into a wild discotheque.

Chris Evert won 5-7, 6-3, 6-0 against Katrina Adams of Chicago, aged 19, who had been beaten in the first round of her only previous grand slam events — the Australian and French championships. But the quick and powerfully athletic Adams, only 5ft 5in tall but sturdily built, played an admirable first set.

Adams reckons that set was the best she has ever played. She served well, profited from a punishing forecourt game, and displayed an uncommonly sure touch when playing low volleys. Evert, though, soon worked out what to do.

Evert teased Adams, broke her rhythm, with an increasingly cute and accurate mixture of service returns, passing shots, and lobs. There was much disguise in that mixture. The incoming volley had to lunge — or scamper this way and that — in an attempt to answer some awfully difficult questions.

For one set Evert often had puckered lips and, *sotto voce*, was self-critical. But she gradually drew the sting from her opponent's game and, as the score suggests, remorselessly took charge. Adams admitted that in the third set (in which she won only seven points) she "ran out of gas — mentally and physically".



Rising fast: Woodforde, of Australia, takes Lendl to the limit (Photograph: Graham Wood)

## Graf makes a written bow

By Richard Evans

A little boy in a red anorak ran onto the centre court to ask Steffi Graf for her autograph after the West German No 1 seed had completed a fear-somely impressive 6-2, 6-2 victory over the Miami schoolgirl Mary-Jo Fernandez.

Miss Graf obliged but I doubt whether the All England club committee will be quite so amenable to the idea of autograph seekers racing all over their sacred grass. Quite apart from the fact that it interrupted the curtesy Miss Graf was making to her occasional doubles partner, the Princess of Wales, the thought of stampeding herds chasing players off the centre court

will, quite understandably, turn the committee members a deeper shade of purple than their club colours.

It was easy to appreciate, however, why Miss Graf inspires such acts of spontaneity and adulation. Miss Fernandez had played with considerable aplomb for a 16-year-old facing a world No 1 on the centre court but despite her beautifully timed service returns and studied accuracy whenever she trusted herself to go to the net, one service break at the beginning of the second set was all she had to show for her efforts.

In 1986 Miss Fernandez had lost to Miss Graf on cement and clay but has now

discovered that the German has her number on grass too. Miss Fernandez, however, is something of a part-time player in comparison to her totally professional opponent because this lawyer's daughter is an honours student at Carleton High School and has at least half her mind on other subjects.

It may be something of a relief to get back to advanced mathematical calculus after trying to fathom how Miss Graf can make a forehand travel quite so fast with quite so much accuracy. And there is always the consoling thought that she will play less well than she did yesterday and beat a lot of other players.

## Time for FA to take offensive in ticket control

COMMENTARY

David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

Wembley Stadium is challenging a decision by the Football Association, announced yesterday, to ban a proposed friendly tournament there in August between Tottenham, Arsenal, AC Milan and Bayern Munich.

The FA, running scared after the hooligan riots in West Germany, is wasting an opportunity, I believe, to take the initiative in the public disorder debate.

Following the disclosure by *The Times* yesterday of Wembley's plan, the FA hurriedly notified David Griffiths, Wembley's chief executive, that its emergency committee would not permit the tournament because there might be "deliberate attacks on German and Italian supporters" by English spectators in a gesture of defiance.

Griffiths, in an immediate and strong reply to the FA, has asked why the refusal was announced only five days before an intended press conference on the tournament (the request was made to the FA in March), and why the FA, supposed partners with the national stadium, failed to discuss the issue. He requested a reconsideration by the emergency committee with the opportunity for Wembley to be represented.

Yet again, it seems, the FA has not thought the situation through for its long-term significance. It is my opinion that this was the opportunity for the FA to have come off the defensive — though it has every reason to be so — and to show a way forward.

For all future international football, club or national, the FA's principle must be for zero ticket sales to visiting teams for matches in this country. Simultaneously, it should stipulate to UEFA and FIFA that the only condition under which England will agree to consider entering overseas competition is if there is guaranteed zero ticket sales to English spectators.

Griffiths confirmed yesterday that Wembley would accept zero sales to Milan and Munich; or, alternatively if the FA wished, it would arrange a tournament including instead, say, Gothenburg or Flamingo of Brazil. It is already Wem-

bley's intention for the mini-tournaments to be all-seats, with police surveillance at a maximum.

All Wembley asks is that the FA should consult it on details before making a decision. Last month Milan played Manchester United in a friendly at Old Trafford with a crowd of 37,000 and not one arrest. Would the FA now refuse to sanction that fixture, Griffiths asks? It is part of the Wembley-FA contract that such approval, at present refused, shall be withheld only "in reasonable circumstances".

Two weeks ago I advocated England's voluntary withdrawal from West Germany, at the time of rioting in Disseldorf, because I considered the reputation of this country more important than the welfare of our national football team, and in order to give time to establish regulations of zero ticket sales for visitors, home and away. UEFA and FIFA have, as much responsibility in this, to assist the FA to cure a national sickness, as the FA does.

By tackling the issue at Wembley this August, the first opportunity available, the FA could have demonstrated that it means serious business in crowd control; and that zero ticket sales, at least for any English match, is the only possible option if the England national team is to remain in, and English clubs are to return to, international competition.

In the light of Wembley's request, the FA should reconsider its attitude. The proposed August tournament could be the testing ground for England's home matches for the next season. Griffiths, while needing to do commercial business for the benefit of the stadium, is willing to collaborate with the FA in every way for the future survival of the game.

## ITV aims for deal with top clubs

By Louise Taylor

Independent Television yesterday turned on tradition by announcing it would not be joining the BBC in the latest round of negotiations with football's governing bodies to secure screening rights.

Instead, ITV will bypass the BBC, Football League and Football Association and talk directly with England's premier clubs with the intention of paying about £10 million for exclusive rights to televise matches from their grounds over the next two seasons. The move will be seen as a new step in the creation of an elite league of clubs with the greatest attraction to the public and the sponsors: Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal, Tottenham, Everton and Nottingham Forest would be obvious targets.

ITV hopes the negotiations will lay the foundations for a long-term agreement which could have a revolutionary impact not only on televised football but on the organization of the game itself.

Greg Dyke, London Weekend Television's director of programmes and chairman of the ITV sports committee, said yesterday: "We are very keen to ensure that ITV screens the best of English football over the next decade. This is not another 'Snatch of the Day'. We are not preventing other broadcasters from doing similar deals with other clubs."

Nevertheless, if the ITV plan succeeds it could precipitate the foundation of a breakaway "Super League", as well as anger clubs not included in the arrangement and thus deprived of their income under the present distribution of television revenue.

There was a welcome for the ITV initiative last night from two of the clubs most likely to benefit, Liverpool and Everton. In a joint statement, Peter Robinson, the chief

executive of Liverpool, and Jim Greenwood, the secretary of Everton, said: "ITV have made certain attractive proposals to a number of first division clubs which are under consideration." Dyke added: "We met some clubs last week and received a very positive response to our offer."

The move is undoubtedly intended to counter the threat posed by British Satellite Broadcasting, whose proposals to cover football from next year were greeted with a favourable reception from the League last month. The League was impressed by BSB's contention that its service would eventually earn the game £10 million a year. By contrast, the present joint BBC/ITV agreement nets football £5 million per annum.

Graham Kelly, the secretary of the League, said last night: "We haven't heard the details of what ITV is proposing, but the management committee feels it is a very interesting development and we are looking forward to hearing from the ITV negotiators exactly what their proposals are. It's something which the management committee perhaps expected when the BSB deal was announced."

Asked if the ITV proposal put the BSB deal in jeopardy, Kelly said: "Not necessarily. We said from the start that the BSB deal was not exclusive, and that there was plenty of football for the existing channels and we hope to talk about that in due course." Kelly stressed that any deal would have to be "for the benefit of all the 92 League clubs", and he added: "We have been assured that no deal has yet been made."

The BBC last night reiterated its aim of "preserving the service of football coverage which viewers have come to expect and have received in recent years".

## Italy announce venues

Italy's World Cup organizing committee will today present to FIFA the details of the stadium to be used in 1990 (Stuart Jones writes). The 12 arenas have all been built anew or refurbished for a total of at least £200 million, to be met by the Central and Local Governments.

The two new sites are being assembled in Bari and Turin. For the tournament which will

open in Milan and close in Rome, all 12 grounds will be all-seated, a feature which the Committee believes will protect the safety of spectators.

VENUES: Bari, New Stadium (Capacity 57,186); Bologna, Dall'Ara Stadium (26,122); Cagliari, Sant'Elia (40,951); Florence, Stadio Comunale (46,663); Genoa, Stadio Comunale (43,068); Milan, San Siro (60,260); Naples, San Paolo Stadium (76,154); Palermo, Stadio Comunale (35,000); Roma, Stadio Olimpico (68,700); Torino, Stadio Olimpico (68,700); Udine, Friuli Stadium (40,182); Verona, Stadio Olimpico (40,300).

## Jackson's record issues warning

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Colin Jackson's retrieval of the high hurdles initiative from Jon Ridgeon, his British rival extends into world class after Jackson's national record of 13.23sec in Belfast last night.

Jackson, third in the world 110 metre championship last year, after being injured for most of the season, powered away to win by three metres from Jack Pierce, the American who finished one place behind him in Rome.

With a following puff of wind of only 0.06 metres per second, Jackson took 0.09sec off Ridgeon's national record, set in winning the World Student Games last year. Ridgeon won silver in Rome,

one place ahead of Jackson. But, in the sec-saw for supremacy which has endured between the two since their youth, Jackson has taken a lead.

But for Mark McKoy's 13.17 in Lausanne on Friday, this would also have equalled the Canadian's former Commonwealth record. It was also only 0.03 off the European record.

The intermediate girls of Millfield School, Somerset, will be competing for their fourth consecutive English schools athletics cup title at Corby on Saturday.

Going for four

## Journeymen take the honours

By Jack Bailey

CHELMSFORD: Essex have a first-innings lead of 37 runs over Middlesex.

The gloom and doom initially overshadowing this day's play — what with Gattings's knee, Prichard's damaged finger and sombre overcast conditions, with occasional drizzle — were gradually dispersed as time went by.

Off the field, news became brighter, bulletin by bulletin, while on it an absorbing cricket match took a fractional swing in the direction of Essex, with Prichard playing a full part.

The lead on the first innings of 37 runs finally established by Essex can be viewed in the light of Gattings being avail-

able to bat for Middlesex in the second innings. His right knee, damaged by Mailander's throw on Sunday, has apparently responded well to intensive treatment and all systems are go.

While on the subject of England's men, it can also be recorded that the captain, John Emburey, had a long and accurate bowl, picked up three good wickets and held three very fine slip catches. But chiefly it was a day for the journeymen.

Of these, Middlesex's Fraser took the last five Essex wickets in a spell which yielded only 16 runs and brought his season's championship tally to 44. Yet the chief honours went to the Essex faithful who held the line in uncongenial conditions. First, there was Hardie's three-hour vigil.

Then came Lilley, so often on the sidelines when Essex are not depleted. His was an innings bristling with handsome strokes, which yielded 10 fours in the day's high score of 61, before he became victim to perhaps the most brilliant of Emburey's catches.

Miller contributed usefully, his 47 being his highest score for Essex in a three-hour stay which kept one end firm while Lilley and later, Prichard, and Foster laid about them. Prichard's was a praiseworthy effort, made in some pain, while Foster unwound himself for two sixes, one of them rattling the paving stone of the near by hospital which lies beyond the mid-wicket boundary.

At the end of all that, Middlesex were left with 30

minutes batting if they chose to take it. No blame could be attached to them for not doing so, for by now the light was quite dreadful. And the last day holds much in prospect.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 259 (M W Gattings 67, N F Williams 55 not out, J H Childs 4 for 52, N A Foster 4 for 64)

ESSEX: First Innings 258 (J A Gough 67, N F Williams 55 not out, J H Childs 4 for 52, N A Foster 4 for 64)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-62, 3-159, 4-188, 5-197, 6-221, 7-263, 8-263, 9-266. BOWLING: Fraser 26-7-52-5, Coward 15-4-43-1, Williams 14-4-40, Emburey 47-16-86-3, Tufnell 27-7-87-1.

Score after 100 overs: 254 for 6.

Revised points: Essex 7, Middlesex 5.

Umpires: N J Paves and B J Meyer.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Reviewing situation

Sydney (AP) — The Australian Rugby Union has requested compensation of \$8.2 million from the Australian government after legislators refused to lift a ban on the Australian team making an official tour of South Africa. John Dedrick, the ARU chairman, has confirmed that his organization has asked the government to reimburse it for losses it claims resulted from the tour being cancelled.

Bill Hayden, the Australian foreign affairs minister, has agreed to review the request, and will discuss the matter with the minister for sport, Graham Richardson.

Record target Richard Priestman showed fine pre-Olympic form when he set a British record of 1,312 points in reaching the last stage of the European target archery championship



Faldo: European leader

### Faldo soars

Nick Faldo, who won the Peugeot French open golf championship on Sunday, has soared to the top of the Volvo European PGA Order of Merit. Faldo has won £111,304 in Europe this season and is averaging £79 for every golf shot he hits in stroke-play events.

### Peace move

Moscow (Reuters) — Plans are being made for the 1989 European peace cycling race to start in Paris and end in Moscow. The race, which is normally held in Eastern bloc countries, would start at the Bastille in honour of the 200th anniversary of the French revolution.

### Clough strikes

Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, last night completed his first signing of the summer by tempting the defender, Brian Laws, away from Middlesbrough, who are newly promoted to the first division. But the fee for the former Burnley and Huddersfield player, aged 26, will be set by a tribunal after Clough refused to match Middlesbrough's valuation of £250,000.

## End of Games gifts approved by Samaranch

Oslo (Reuters) — Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president, said yesterday he was relieved that towns lobbying to stage the winter Games had stopped giving committee members expensive dinners and gifts.

"We have nothing against applicants inviting committee members so that they can form an opinion about the best-suited candidate," he told reporters at Oslo airport at the end of a visit to Norway.

"But, thankfully, the expensive receptions, dinners and gifts have stopped." Samaranch had been visiting Lillehammer, one of four candidates for the 1994 winter Games. "I am impressed by the facilities... especially those for alpine skiing," he said. "But I want to emphasize that it will be a very difficult decision for the IOC." The choice will be made in Seoul in September.

## Key Ferrari engineer moves over to Tyrrell

By John Blunsden

The Tyrrell Racing Organization yesterday announced the appointment of Dr Harvey Postlethwaite — a member of the Ferrari team for the last six years — as the grand prix team's new engineering director. He will take up his post on August 1 as head of an expanded engineering department which will include Brian Liles, as chief engineer, and Maurice Philippe, as senior designer.

Postlethwaite has been a key member of Ferrari's engineering team and can take much of the credit for the Italian team's return to competitiveness last season, when they won the last two grands prix. His first task at Tyrrell will be to oversee the design of a new car for the 1989 season as well as to further strengthen Tyrrell's engineering department, shortly to be moved into new premises on their existing site

in Ockham, Surrey. "We are, of course, absolutely delighted to have Harvey join us," Ken Tyrrell said, adding that he is determined his team will contest the 1989 world championship at the highest level.

Postlethwaite's impending departure from Ferrari suggests that further development of their turbo-charged cars is no longer a top priority and that Ferrari's main effort will now go into the V12-engined 3½-litre car which John Barnard has designed at the team's satellite design office in Gailford. It is soon expected to undergo its first tests.

### Boxing suspension

Colorado Springs, Colorado (AFP) — Ken Adams, the United States Olympic boxing coach, has been suspended for six months for allegedly assaulting a US Amateur Boxing Federation official last month.